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BOOKS ARE left scattered throughout a tree on the Albany Bulb on Monday, Oct. 9.

JOANNA JHANDI/STAFF

All quiet on the waterfront

Cleared of its former population, the Albany Bulb sits in limbo as the state park effort inches forward

By Clare Curley
STAFF WRITER

Now that the East Bay Regional Park District controls roughly eight miles of land extending along the shoreline from Oakland to Richmond, Phase Two of creating Eastshore State Park — the planning phase — is just beginning.

For Albany, it will mean completing an environmental water quality project and handing over part of the rugged peninsula just north of Golden Gate Fields racetrack that has proven problematic over the years.

For a group of consultants, it will mean figuring out how to turn a landfill stuffed with aging construction materials into a user-friendly recreation site.

At present, the city owns the tip of a landfill, commonly called the "bulb," but leases it to the park district. The district owns the "plateau" section, or base of the site at the shoreline. Both will eventually be absorbed by the park.

People go to the bulb to walk their dogs, do art work, and hang out. But, for the most part, they stay away.

The coming year will do much in determining what happens to the land, along with other pieces of the shoreline. Kite-fliers, dog-walkers and others itching to get their two cents in will have a chance to do so via public workshops, although what affect this will have is hard to say.

The final decisions will be up to the state.

"For example, is it going to be considered by the state a full-fledged park



REMNANTS OF construction rubble at the former landfill are still apparent.

JOANNA JHANDI

or something less, such as preservation area?" said Larry Tong.

Tong, who is overseeing the project through the regional park district's Advanced Planning Department, is now getting the ball rolling by hiring a team of private consultants to the tune of at least \$400,000.

An analysis of resources should be completed next spring, followed by the completion of a classification under state codes mid-summer, which will define ex-

actly what form this park will take.

"Where paths or more active components (of the park) will be is open for discussion," said Tong. "Throughout this time period, we anticipate a number of workshops or interactive sessions with the public."

In Albany, years of negotiations with the Regional Water Quality Board have already cleared the way for the land to

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Albany teachers plan march to protest contract

By Clare Curley
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — A group of teachers plans to assemble at the Solano Avenue Safeway parking lot at 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday and march San Pablo and up Marin in time for the 7 p.m. school board meeting at Cornell School.

According to Albany Teachers Association (ATA) president Dave De Hart, teachers are protesting the most recent pay raise offered by the district.

Salary negotiations have been on shaky ground since Albany teachers rejected a tentative agreement the district's negotiating team presented at a meeting last week.

"We voted and 99 percent of the teachers turned down a tentative agreement based solely on salary," he said, adding that teachers did agree to the rest of the package. "We want to be in the middle of the top third in the Bay Area in terms of teaching salaries," De Hart said.

ATA members are asking for an additional 10.94 percent across the board, a raise that would equal funds that Gov. Gray Davis allotted the district last June.

"The issue now is being competitive with other school districts," said De Hart, who contends that raises in other districts are leaving Albany salaries in the dust.

As of a week ago, 12 districts in Alameda and Contra Costa counties settled for double-digit hikes. Half that many

'INFORMAL FORUM'

The Albany PTA Council, a district-wide organization, will host an "Informal Evening" with the Albany School Board candidates Monday night, giving Bill Cain, Owen T. Jones and Owen H. Jones one more chance to answer questions about why they should be elected for one of the two seats on the board. It will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Albany School Library, 1247 Marin Ave.

settled for raises between 5 and 7 percent, but that occurred where the teachers had already entered into two-year contracts, according to Don DePasquale, the union's grievance chair.

Ironically, they were originally ready to settle for a 7.5 percent raise. But the tune changed once teachers found out the district stood to gain \$1.25 million in unrestricted funds.

DePasquale says the board has presented a contract that would provide a raise of roughly 8.75 percent, which falls more than 2 percent of what the ATA is requesting.

However, according to board president Bill Cain, the situation may not be

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ECCHS will get cash to help it shape up

By Lisa Shafer
STAFF WRITER

El Cerrito High is one of five schools in Contra Costa that has entered the second round of the state's high-stakes improvement program.

The school is among 430 selected Monday by the California Department of Education because they did not meet state-set growth targets on standardized tests last school year.

Under Gov. Gray Davis' carrot-and-stick accountability program, each participant will receive \$50,000 this year to hire a school-reform consultant and design a fix-it plan. If the school plans are approved in the spring by the state Board of Education, each will receive up to \$200 per student for up to two years to put recommended changes into place.

That would mean participating school El Cerrito High, for example, could receive \$50,000 this year and up to \$288,200 the following two years to help raise student achievement.

Pittsburg's Parkside Elementary, a smaller school, is eligible for up to \$130,000 in annual assistance, plus a \$50,000 planning grant.

The state's stick may be used, however, if the schools do not improve test scores after receiving state assistance. They would be among the first in line to face possible teacher transfers, state takeovers or other sanctions in the governor's school reform program.

Other area schools selected include: Castro and Highland elementary schools and Portola Junior High in the West Contra Costa Unified School District, and Bethel and Vallejo high schools and Cooper and Loma Vista elementary schools in Vallejo City Unified.

About 80 percent of the 544 schools that applied this year for help were selected, said Department of Education administrator Pat McCabe.

Among local schools that applied but

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Condominium conversion moratorium extended

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The city's 45-day moratorium on condominium conversions was extended for another six

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months Tuesday on a 4-1 City Council vote, with Larry Damon opposed.

The council originally imposed a temporary 45-day moratorium on converting rental apartments into condominiums last month and extended the ban for six months this week after a public hearing.

No one from the public spoke at this week's hearing.

The original moratorium, according to a report by City Attorney Howard Stern and Planning Manager Jill Keimach, "was based on findings that El Cerrito was presently experiencing a rental housing shortage exacerbated by

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Kensington Improvement Club sets annual Town Hall meeting

STAFF REPORT

KENSINGTON — State Assemblywoman Dion Aroner and county Supervisor John Gioia will be the featured speakers at the Kensington Improvement Club's annual Town Hall meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 26 in the auditorium at Kensington Elementary School, 90 Highland Blvd. The school yard will be open for parking.

Speakers will also include Police Chief Barry Garfield, Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District President Bruce Morrow, El Cerrito/Kensington Fire Chief Mark Scott, Municipal Advisory Committee Chairman Jim Car-

man and Fire Protection District Board President Don Dommer.

In addition the two incumbents and one newcomer competing for two seats on the board of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District will speak.

Joan Gallegos and Paul Haxo are the incumbents on the board of the special tax district board, which handles about \$1 million in annual revenues, while Michael Ogul is the newcomer.

The five-member board oversees the police department, garbage collection and recreation programs for the unincorporated community.

It also owns and runs Kensington Park behind the Kensington Branch Library. Refurbishing and running the park has emerged as a key campaign issue.

The park — home to tennis courts, a grass field, an aging playground and a preschool leased to a private operator — is being expanded.

Ogul asserts the district hasn't done a good job of making the park child-friendly. Gallegos stresses the need to balance the park to suit users of all ages. Haxo feels the district is trying to make the park suit many needs but acknowl-

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WORTH CHECKING OUT

Thanks to soccer coach

Soccer players, parents and supporters are invited to come give Robert Sackey, the coach of the El Cerrito High School girls' soccer team and soccer clinician to the El Cerrito Soccer League, a big "thank you" for all his hard work to the local soccer community at an appreciation night, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., on Oct. 22. The event, which will include dessert and beverages, will be at the Arlington Park Clubhouse on Arlington Avenue near Moser Lane in El Cerrito. Organizers plan to give Sackey a monetary gift in appreciation of his work. Contact Paula Lew (510-525-3346) or Teri Mortimer (520-642-3537 work; 510-525-8070 home); for details or to RSVP by the Tuesday, Oct. 17, deadline. Or e-mail to teri@haas.berkeley.edu.

Improv at Cafe Eclectica

Special guest, "Spontaneous Combustion," (Pinole Valley High School's improvisational theater group) appears at Cafe Eclectica, 1309 Solano Ave., Albany, Saturday Oct. 21 at 8 p.m. The cafe is open from 7 to 11 p.m. for this

first monthly open mike night. Bring your own creative performance to follow.

Eagles' Halloween dance

The Fraternal Order of Eagles, Bayview Aerie No. 2323, is holding a Halloween Dance from 8 p.m. to midnight (doors open at 7 p.m.) on Friday, Oct. 27, with music by the Jimmi James Band at the Eagles Hall, 3223 Carlson Blvd., in El Cerrito. There will be a raffle, door prizes and refreshments. Come in costume or come as you are. Admission is a \$5 donation at the door. Proceeds go to charity for prevention of child abuse. Details: 510-525-0444.

Sierra Club meeting

The October meeting of the West Contra Costa Group features a presentation on Inner City Outings by ICO activist Chuck Ford. ICO is the Sierra Club's highly acclaimed all-volunteer outreach program that offers a variety of outings for (mostly) young people from economically impacted communities, most of whom have no access to outdoor ac-

tivities. ICO promotes interpersonal skills, improved self-esteem through active involvement in nature, and fun — all serving the objective of building Sierra Club environmental education efforts. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 25, in Makemie Hall at Northminster Presbyterian Church, Makemie Hall, 545 Ashbury St., El Cerrito. Chuck Ford will show slides covering the Bay Area Chapter's range of activities and challenges, and will discuss the leadership opportunities for volunteers. Chuck has been an ICO leader for 13 years and has led more than 200 outings ranging from short local day-hikes to week-and-a-half Sierra backpack trips. To get in touch with Inner City Outings, contact Michael Cadigan, (850) 726-4163, or cadpack@earthlink.net. For information on the meeting, phone Stephen Brown at 510-524-3103.

Books, books, books

A big paperback and library discards sale will be held by the Friends of the Al-

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Fifth annual October Fiesta set for Saturday

A day of fun, entertainment and pre-holiday shopping is in store for all who attend this Saturday's gala Chamber of Commerce's Fifth Annual October Fiesta at El Cerrito Plaza.

The free event will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Plaza's southeast parking lot near the Albertson's store.

As a result of the construction now going on at the Plaza, according to Fiesta chairman Bob Winslow, this year's event has been shifted to the parking lot; allowing for a much more limited number of exhibitors.

"However," he went on, "with over two dozen craftspeople, local businesses and area service groups already signed up by last weekend, I can assure everyone interested in doing some early Christmas shopping that there will be a wide assortment of gift items to choose from."

Winslow added that, since refreshments will be conveniently available to Fiesta-goers this year at The Junket, Chef's Chinese Food, Chubby's and All Star Donuts, food booths have been eliminated to allow maximum space for other exhibitors.

A full day of free entertainment is also scheduled, according to June Boblitt, who is in charge of this phase of the one-day celebration.

Featured at 11 a.m. will be the Harmonic Steel Band, The Desert Heat Belly Dancers will appear at noon, followed at 1 p.m. by the "Dance With Dolores" tap group. A musical group called The Wide Open Band will conclude the day's entertainment.

Joining the Chamber in co-sponsoring this year's Fiesta are Connors Overhead Door Co., Mail Boxes Etc. and the East Bay Sanitary Co.

Adding their names to the list of financial backers last week were Pacific Telesis Group, Tradeway Furniture, the Mechanics Bank and Albertsons. They join Doherty's Truck and Auto Rental, Petvet/Pet-food, Olivero Plumbing, Sunset View Cemetery, Seidell Enterprises, Windrush School and Honda of El

El Cerrito Chamber

By Sewall Glinetnick

Cerrito in providing financial support for this public event.

The Fiesta was first organized by the Chamber of Commerce in 1996 in an effort to promote local business in a way that would enhance the image of the city.

This year's Fiesta is being held in conjunction with the Plaza's Saturday Farmers' Market and the Chamber's Fall Round-Up Sale Days which run from Oct. 19 to 22.

The Round-Up Sale Days are part of a twice a year promotion sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce to spur the growth of local business.

The public will be able to learn about the special values being offered this weekend by stores in El Cerrito through a special tabloid supplement in the Oct. 19 edition of Family Fair and today's Journal and Berkeley Voice.

Luncheon deadline today

Members of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce have until close of business today to make reservations for the next business luncheon.

Set for noon at the Mira Vista Gold and Country Club on Tuesday, Oct. 24, this session will feature a talk by El Cerrito librarian Janet Hildebrand on the merits of Measure L on the November ballot. Measure L calls for a one-eighth cent sales tax in Contra Costa County to finance library services.

Reservations for this event are required and may be made by telephoning the Chamber office at 510-233-7040.

Two more reinvest

The Chamber would like to thank Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream of 10598 San Pablo Ave. and Marty's Motors of 10929 San Pablo Ave. for showing their support for the business organization by reinvesting for another year.

The Chamber urges all mem-

bers who have not yet paid their dues for this year to do so as soon as possible.

Plaza garage update

An update on the proposed new parking garage at the Plaza BART station, subject of serious discussion among members of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, was published in the recent WCC-TAC News, newsletter of the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee.

They reported that a WCC-TAC-appointed subcommittee has recommended that programmed Measure C dollars be used to build a parking structure at the Plaza BART.

The committee further suggested that the operator of the garage charge for parking, and that a portion of the parking revenues be used to subsidize local shuttles to BART.

Association plans next art show

The El Cerrito Art Association, an association member of the Chamber of Commerce, is already busy making plans for next year's 25th Annual Art Show and Sale.

At a recent meeting association members decided to hold the next show on April 20, 21, and 22, 2001. They also agreed to raise the entry fee for non-members to \$10, and to charge a 15 percent commission. They also set an age limit of 18 years for artists wishing to display their work, and voted to eliminate the professional category.

Chamber told of award

The Chamber has been informed that El Cerrito is one of 13 Contra Costa County cities slated to receive an award at an upcoming conference of mayors for passing the Tobacco-Free Youth Ordinance.

Presenting the award will be The Tobacco Prevention Coalition and a group called The Tobacco Industry Gets Hammered By Teens.

Witness identifies suspects in robbery

STAFF REPORT

EL CERRITO — A witness has led police to a gun-touting couple responsible for a robbery in El Cerrito last week, according to El Cerrito Sgt. Wayne Mann.

Around 2:15 a.m. on Oct. 9, a 21-year-old San Francisco man was held up on the 6000 block of Central Avenue in El Cerrito.

Another man walked up to the victim from behind, holding something in his right hand, placed it against his back, and in Spanish said, "I have a gun. Give me everything you have," according to a police report.

The suspect took a cell phone, a wallet and \$100 in cash, and fled in a black, 2000 4-door Honda. With help from a witness, police believe the suspect to be a 23-year-old Hayward man, as well as a 23-year-old San Pablo woman, who drove the getaway car.

No arrests were made at the time of the report. "We're still looking at that case," said Mann.

The evening of Oct. 8 an employee of the Freeway Hotel, 11645 San Pablo Ave., reported that a middle-aged man entered an unrented room, showered, and left the hotel without paying.

The night of Sept. 27, a 1988 Honda Prelude that belongs to a 19-year-old student was allegedly broken into on the 2300 block of Carquinez Avenue. According to police,

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someone cut both doors below the lock-handle assemblies, pried open the in-dash and removed a CD player from the car.

The repair cost was estimated at \$500. There were no suspects at the time of the report.

The night of Oct. 10, the tires were punctured of several El Cerrito vehicles, three of which belong to the same man.

The report came from the owner of a four-door Dodge Colt, a 1989 Honda Accord and 2-door Mercury Tracer that were parked on the 6400 block of Portola Drive. The victim, a 75-year-old El Cerrito man, told police he suspects a thirty-something Oakland man. According to the reporting officer, the suspect went on to puncture the tires of additional vehicles.

Also on Oct. 10, a 1994 Toyota Camry was stolen from the intersection of Knott Avenue and Key Boulevard.

The victim, a Vallejo man, reportedly locked the car and went to the BART station for an appointment in Oakland. When he returned later that day, the car was missing. Police completed an area check, but did not locate it.

The night of Oct. 6, Charles E. Weaver, an accounting business at 10504 San Pablo Ave., was allegedly

spray-painted with graffiti on the

of the building. A 35-year-old employee at the business estimated the cost of repainting the building at \$1,000. On Oct. 9, a 1994 Ford Taurus was impounded because it had been registered. The driver was cited for not having a driver's license. The same day, an unregistered Chevrolet Camaro was impounded.

A 21-year-old woman works at a delicatessen in El Cerrito Plaza told police that one day afternoon that someone walked behind the food counter, stolen her purse. There were witnesses to the crime.

The morning of Oct. 10, a 40-year-old man told police he was receiving hang-up phone calls following a break-up with his wife. A 40-year-old Berkeley woman notified Pacific Bell and her *57 phone trap, said police.

The afternoon of Oct. 10, a 40-year-old woman reported that one had entered her car in the area of Corolla and stolen a Coca-Cola from inside, which was parked on the 3300 block of Key Boulevard.

A 39-year-old El Cerrito man recently reported that someone was receiving annoying phone calls. In one instance, a female caller said, "Missed you," followed by ground music and other

Youths paint the town with eggs, condiments

By K. Osborn
CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — On the afternoon of Oct. 9, using a search warrant, officers searched the home of a 20-year-old Albany man on the 900 block of Masonic Avenue. Officers found numerous items, including items they said were related to an Oakland vehicle robbery. The man was arrested on charges of receiving stolen property and transported to the Berkeley jail.

Officers were called out twice on the afternoon of Oct. 9 to the 600 block of Carmel Avenue on reports of juveniles throwing water balloons. Each time, officers disbanded the group and warned them of their activity.

About 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 9, a friend of a resident on the 600 block of Carmel Avenue reported that about 20 juveniles were throwing eggs at her house, and that one of the youth entered the house and threw eggs inside. Officers responded and corrected the situation.

About 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 9, a resident on the 800 block of Santa Fe Avenue reported that vandals had thrown eggs at her window, causing the window to break. The resident acknowledged that she was aware that it was homecoming week and only wanted the incident reported.

Between 11 p.m. on Oct. 9 and 2 a.m. on Oct. 10, there were reports on Pomona, Gateview, Curtis, and Portland Avenues of eggs being thrown at houses and vehicles, and houses being covered with shaving cream, ketchup, and mustard. At one house on the 600 block of Gateview Avenue, a group of juveniles was chased away by the resident only to return a couple hours later and cover

the vehicle again.

On the morning of Oct. 10, a resident on the 400 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that her bike was stolen from the balcony area of her apartment building. It was last seen the previous morning. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of Oct. 10, a resident on the 400 block of Cornell Avenue reported that during the night thieves broke into his green '91 Mazda Miata. There were no witnesses.

On the evening of Oct. 10, a teacher at Albany High School reported that a student on campus had a weapon. Officers contacted the 13-year-old Albany boy who had scissors in his possession that had been altered to make them a weapon. He was arrested and released to his parents with a Notice to Appear.

On the afternoon of Oct. 10, officers responded to a liquor store on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports of an intoxicated man in the store who was causing problems. Officers contacted the 54-year-old transient man and found him to be intoxicated and unable to care for himself. He was arrested, cited, and held to be released when sober.

On the afternoon of Oct. 10, officers responded to the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue on reports of a group of juveniles fighting. There were no injuries, and officers dispersed the group.

On the evening of Oct. 10, a resident on the 900 block of Talbot Avenue reported that the taillight of his red '87 Volvo had been broken out. There were no witnesses to the damage.

On the evening of Oct. 10, an Albany resident reported that her 14-year-old daughter had been grabbed and sprayed with shaving cream

while walking home from the High School. The incident occurred near Marin School, and the girl was able to identify her assailant as an Albany High School student. Police took the report.

Starting about 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 10 and lasting until about 11 p.m., officers responded to many reports of groups of juveniles throwing eggs at homes and passing vehicles and wandering the streets screaming and yelling. Houses were toilet papered, and the areas involved were located in Memorial Park, but some were in the 700 block of Taft Street.

A resident on the 700 block of Ramona Avenue reported that he was frightened when a group of juveniles that were fighting in front of his home had moved into his yard. A resident gave officers the license plate number of a black '91 Ford that was driving around near the High School about 10 p.m.

On the morning of Oct. 10, 16-year-old Albany girls and Albany boys ages 14 and 15 were contacted on the 1400 block of Washington Avenue for throwing eggs. The eggs were confiscated and the teens sent on their way.

On the morning of Oct. 10, Berkeley police reported that had located a white '90 Mini van that had been reported as stolen from Albany. The owner was notified.

On the morning of Oct. 10, a resident on the 900 block of Talbot Avenue reported that a dirty man was lying down in the office area of her building. Officers contacted the 54-year-old transient man. He was arrested, cited, and released with a Notice to Appear.

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Parents may get more say on when kids enter kindergarten

By Lisa Scherman
CORRESPONDENT

Gov. Gray Davis' recent signing of AB25, written and proposed by Assemblywoman Kerry Mazzoni, D-San Rafael, may affect the kindergarten age cutoff for your child, depending on whether your school district chooses to accept this new law.

This bill creates the Kindergarten Readiness Pilot Program, a voluntary pilot project to test the effectiveness of changing the kindergarten age of entry.

The pilot program has been given a 10-year trial period. Beginning with the 2001-02 school year, participating school districts will require a child to be 5 years old before Sept. 1 in order to attend kindergarten.

AB25 provides funding to school districts to compensate them for the temporary loss of attendance caused by changing kindergarten enrollment dates and requires school districts to provide pre-kindergarten instruction as a requirement for receiving that funding.

The existing law requires that a child be admitted to kindergarten if the child will be 5 years old on or before Dec. 2 of that school year.

Mazzoni says California currently has one of the latest cutoff dates for kindergarten in the nation and that the state's kindergarten curriculum has become much more rigorous than was originally intended to be.

"(Kindergarten) is much more akin to first grade of 10 or 20 years ago," she says.

California has implemented reforms that raise the bar for students.

Mazzoni believes that, in order to help students be academically successful, it is important to make sure they are developmentally ready to meet these rigorous standards.

Betsy Chen, a 19-year kindergarten teacher, believes that "if we expect to judge teachers based on a demanding academic curriculum, the kids need to be older."

"There can be a big difference between 5 years of age and 4-1/2," says Chen. "Ideally, teachers should be able to curtail the curriculum based on their current class's ability, but because the world is not a perfect place, pushing a Grade One curriculum to a kindergarten class may be asking students to do things that they are not ready to do."

A concern for parents whose children do not meet the Sept. 1 cutoff

date is whether or not they can rely on good pre-kindergarten instruction.

Chen maintains, "As long as the pre-kindergarten focuses on social skills, conflict resolution, and self-esteem, the children will be more confident and prepared for the following year. There are many constructive ways to promote fine motor skills."

Rather than push students to read and write before they are ready, Chen suggests other methods — such as encouraging students to play with clay or Legos.

The passage of this revised age standard could give students more time to prepare for the challenges of kindergarten. Check with your local school district to see if it plans to voluntarily adopt AB25.

NEWS BRIEFS

Honda dealership site set to open next June

EL CERRITO — Work on the new Honda dealership location is moving ahead on a tight construction schedule for the former Food Bowl and International House of Pancakes property at Knott and San Pablo avenues, reports Steve Mitchell, acting community development manager.

"Barring weather delays, the construction is scheduled to be complete by June 31, 2001," Mitchell said in a report to the City Council. "Immediately after Honda moves out of its current site and into its new facility, the Mazda dealership is planning to move into the old Honda site at 11820 San Pablo Ave."

If construction is delayed, Honda will occupy its current site on a month-to-month basis until the new site is ready, Mitchell said.

"Planning staff will be discussing any planned site improvements with the new Mazda dealership as their plans progress," he added.

Measure K wins backing

EL CERRITO — On a 3-1-1 vote — three yes, one no and one abstention — the City Council approved a resolution in support of Measure K, a \$236 million bond measure for the Contra Costa Community College District on the November ballot.

The resolution notes that the district has "identified important renovation and modernization needs" and that "state funding is insufficient to meet the most urgent facility needs."

Helen Carr, president of Contra Costa College, spoke before the council to urge support for the facilities bond measure.

Carr said that the college district has not received funds from the voters since 1948 and that the average Contra Costa County homeowner will pay \$17.52 a year if the bond passes.

The district placed a bond measure on the 1996 ballot which received 65.2 percent of the vote. That measure failed because 66 and two-thirds percent of the vote is needed.

"We're coming to the community for your support. Community colleges, as you know, are very important in the success of any community," Carr said. "For training in particular, we have to have state-of-the-art facilities."

"I really don't want to be provincial, but essentially you're looking for us to endorse a measure which has relatively modest return to the West County," said Councilman Larry Damon, who later voted against the resolution.

Councilwoman Kathleen Perka abstained from the vote, saying she did not have enough information on the matter.

New deputy superintendent named

ALBANY — The Albany Unified School District Board of Education has offered the position of deputy superintendent for educational services and certificated personnel to Dr. Wayne Padover, current Superintendent of Robla School District in Sacramento. Padover is expected to begin his new assignment on Oct. 25, following formal appointment by the board.

Padover has also served as superintendent in the Pleasant Valley School District, Penn Valley, Calif., and Lucerne Elementary School District, Lucerne, Calif.

He has 29 years of teaching/administrative experience, earning his Ph.D. from the University of Oregon with a major in educational administration and a supplemental in curriculum development and instruction, finance, and organizational development.

His two master's degrees encompass educational administration and educational psychology.

Former schools where he has been involved were given honors as a California Distinguished School, California School of Honorable Mention, and National Blue Ribbon Finalist School.

In 1998, he was the recipient of the Nevada County Children's Services Award and was voted Association of California School Administrators "Administrator of the Year" in Nevada County in 1996. He is president-elect for the Small School District Association.

Padover has been instrumental in the development, implementation, and evaluation of after-school homework assistance tutoring programs and educational technological programs, K-12 articulation, a multicultural program, and categorical programs.

He is a certified trainer in the Interest-Based Collective Bargaining Negotiation Model and has conducted state workshops and conferences on this issue.

He founded and developed a school district educational foundation that raised more than \$10,000 in the first year.

Padover's responsibilities at the Albany Unified School District will include certificated personnel; staff development; curriculum and program development; program evaluation; student testing and evaluation; educational research, instructional

media, materials and textbooks; and title programs, grants and inter-district services. He replaces former assistant superintendent Constance Hubbard, who accepted a similar position for the Piedmont Unified School District.

Low-cost flu shots available

Contra Costa Health Services is offering residents of the county low-cost flu shots at various locations in November and December to prepare for the coming influenza season.

Spokeswoman Francie Wise says that federal health officials do not expect this year's flu season, which typically runs from November to March, to be usually virulent. However, the best insurance against the flu is still to get a flu shot.

Residents who are at risk of getting a serious case of influenza are particularly urged to get a shot. Wise says that people who are at the greatest risk include those who are 60 years old or more, those with serious long-term health problems, health workers, and people with weakened immune systems.

Wise says children 6 months to 18 years old who are on long-term aspirin treatments, students, teachers and school staffs are also advised to get the shot. People who have egg allergies and those who have a fever or are pregnant are not advised to get the shot.

The influenza and pneumonia shots will be offered in Lafayette and Martinez on Nov. 13, in Pleasant Hill and Brentwood on Nov. 20, in San Pablo and El Cerrito on Nov. 21, in Concord and Danville on Nov. 28, in Richmond and Pinole on Nov. 29, and in Walnut Creek on Dec. 7. Call (925) 313-6767 for specific times and locations.

Flu shots are \$5, but those who are unable to pay will not be denied the vaccination, Wise says.

Healthy garden workshop

The secrets of maintaining an "eco-friendly" garden will be revealed at a presentation Oct. 28 at the El Cerrito Senior Center on Stockton Avenue behind the El Cerrito Library.

The Healthy Garden Workshop presented by the non-profit Bio-Integral Resource Center will show how

to minimize the need for chemicals that are dangerous to children, pets and the environment, while building healthy soil, selecting plants best suited to the area, and managing pests and weeds with "least-toxic, common sense strategies" that also conserve water.

The session will be followed by an optional visit to an eco-friendly garden. Pre-registration is required and the cost is \$15. Cost of the workshop handbook is \$12. To register or get more details, call Tanya Drik, 510-524-8404, or e-mail birc@igc.org.

Public asked to join in painting of mural

EL CERRITO — The public is invited to pitch-in or watch the painting of El Cerrito Plaza construction walls Saturday and on Oct. 28.

The walls, which surround the shopping center renovation site, will be painted with murals depicting the historic ethnic communities of the city.

Designs have already been sketched with the help of local artists and art teachers.

Students from at least eight area schools and community groups will participate, with help from anyone who wants to grab a brush. The painting sessions will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The project is sponsored by Celebrating Culture & Community, a non-profit arts organization, and Regency Realty Group, the new majority owner of the Plaza.

For more information, call 510-236-3255 or 510-234-3589.



DR. SANDRA KAMUSIKIRI brings to life Biddy Mason, a prominent African-American woman in early Los Angeles history.

California history comes alive at free program Oct. 26

The El Cerrito Library is presenting a free program of California Gold Rush history on Thursday, Oct. 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the Contra Costa Civic Theatre for adults, teens, and children in grade 4 and up.

Dr. Sandra Kamusikiri brings to life Gold Rush figure Biddy Mason, a prominent African-American woman in Los Angeles history, in a "Chautauqua History Alive!" program at the Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave. No tickets are necessary for this free performance but plan to arrive early to get seating in the 199-seat theater.

Biddy Mason arrived in San Bernardino in 1851 as a slave, accompanying a Mormon family from Hancock County, Georgia. She would become the center of the most important slavery case in Southern California history when she sued successfully for her freedom based on the new California Constitution. She went on to become a midwife, nurse and philanthropist; she founded both

the first elementary school for African-American children and the first African Methodist Episcopal church in Los Angeles.

This entertaining and informative program is presented in a three-part format. Dr. Kamusikiri, a professor of English at California State University, San Bernardino, enacts the Biddy Mason character, describing her life from slavery to freedom; she answers questions from the audience in character, then steps back into her role as historian to answer further questions from her perspective today.

This program is co-sponsored by Susan and Harvey Wittenberg and the Friends of the El Cerrito Library.

For further information, call the El Cerrito Library, a branch of the Contra Costa County Library at 510-526-7512 during library open hours: Monday, noon-8 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-6 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday, 1-5 p.m. and Saturday, 1-5 p.m.

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Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory 2002 Long-Range Development Plan Environmental Impact Report

Notice of Preparation and Public Scoping Meeting

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory will be preparing an **Environmental Impact Report** on the Laboratory's forthcoming 2002 Long-Range Development Plan. A **Notice of Preparation** of this Environmental Impact Report is available for review. On October 9, 2000, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory opened a 30-day comment period for this Notice of Preparation and will receive for consideration written comments addressed to:

**EIR Coordinator
Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
One Cyclotron Road, MS 90K
Berkeley, California 94720**

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory will hold a public meeting to elicit input on the scope of the 2002 Long-Range Development Plan Environmental Impact Report. The **Public Scoping Meeting** will be held from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm on **Thursday, October 26, 2000** at:

**North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Street, Berkeley, California**

All interested parties are invited to attend.

For additional information or requests for the Notice of Preparation, contact Jeff Philliber at 510-486-5257 or Dan Kevin at 510-486-6734

Magic will be in the air in Oakland tomorrow

Don't be surprised if the person sitting next to you today on the BART train or the AC Transit bus suddenly reaches over and pulls an egg from behind your ear.

The explanation is simple: A magicians' convention is in town. And, as Dr. Bob Albo, longtime team doctor for the Oakland Raiders, explains, "Magicians are always looking for an excuse to practice."

And he ought to know, because he's only been an orthopedic surgeon since medical school, but he's been pulling rabbits out of hats since he was seven years old.

(Actually, "pulling rabbits out of a hat" is a misnomer. In real life, magicians almost never do it. "It's not only cruel to the rabbit," explains another local prestidigitator named Zappo the Magician, "it's also hard as heck to get that great big rabbit into that tiny little hat in the first place.")

The magicians' convention is being held in Oakland to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Oakland Magic Circle, the oldest magic club in the United States.

But you didn't know Oakland is one of the centers of the magic universe, did you?

But it is. Albo, for one, owns the largest private collection of magic apparatus in the world. He's also written 10 books on magic. Another Oaklander, Byron Walker, is the proprietor of the largest library of magic books in the world.

Much of Albo's collection originally belonged to one of the greatest of them all, The Great Carter, including Carter's most celebrated stunt: the famous materialization of a 150-lb. bowl of water out of thin air. After Carter's death, his apparatus vanished from sight. But a few years ago, when entertainer Turk Murphy was clearing some old, dusty trunks out of a warehouse he'd rented in San Francisco, he looked inside one of them, and lo! There was Carter's apparatus, as good as new!

The priceless stuff eventually found its way to Albo. He kept some of the choicest tricks; the rest he sold to his longtime friend, David Copperfield.

The official celebration takes place tomorrow at the Asian Cultural Center in the Pacific Renaissance Plaza, on Ninth Street between Webster and Franklin.

During the daytime they'll hold their convention, where they'll compare notes and keep abreast of the state of the art. Since it spoils all the fun if you know how the trick is done, the public is most definitely not invited to this part of the proceedings.

But at 7 p.m. they'll throw open the doors and invite the public to join them for a spectacular evening magic show. The best magicians in the world will be trying to impress their peers, so they'll be pulling out all the stops.

Cost: \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids under 13. To reserve tickets, call (415) 704-3181. It's also the number to call if you'd like to find out about joining the Oakland Magic Circle and learning how to perform magic yourself.

Don't be intimidated. They run the gamut of skills — from beginners to professionals — and ages. (Their youngest member is 15; their oldest is 91.) I've talked to several of them, and they couldn't be more eager to open their ranks to newcomers, especially youngsters, and turn them on to the joys



MARTIN SNAPP

Snapp Shots

of magic.

PS. As long as I was talking with Dr. Albo about David Copperfield, I couldn't resist asking him the obvious question: So what's Copperfield's ex-girlfriend, Claudia Schiffer, like?

"A beautiful girl," he says. "Just wonderful to talk to. She's fluent in seven different languages, you know."

Over the years, I've watched the landmarks of what was once a proud downtown shopping district in Berkeley disappear one by one: Hink's, Edy's, Roos-Atkins, Penny's, Nesbitt's, the Blue & Gold Market, the list seems to go on and on.

Now comes word that another one is about to join them: On Jan. 13, Lee Frank Jewelers will close its doors after 92 years.

Owners Tom and Vickie Reed (granddaughter of the founder, Otto E. Frank) are retiring; and their daughter Hope, the current office manager, wants to strike off in a different career direction.

Otto Frank founded the store in 1908. The "Lee" part of the name comes from his son Lee, who owned it next. Then it passed to Vickie and Tom.

They have served generation after generation of their customers' families, from an 18-year-old's first pearl necklace to her diamond anniversary band. And many customers are reacting as if they're losing a member of the family.

As you can probably tell, I'm one of them. And it goes way beyond the question, "Where am I going to get my watch batteries replaced now?" What we're losing is a place where, as the song puts it, "everyone knows your name."

Besides, a store like Lee Frank is a living link to Berkeley's past, to a time when, as Vickie remembers it, "you'd never see a woman on Shattuck without a hat and gloves, or a man without a coat and tie." And stashed away somewhere in the basement are the wooden boards that Vickie's dad used to board up the windows during antiwar demonstrations in the '60s.

"Our watchmaker had a police radio," recalls Vickie. "Every business on Shattuck did. He'd monitor the police calls, and whenever the demonstration got within a couple of blocks, we'd all rush out and board up the windows."

Lee Frank's closing may be sad for me, but it's happy for Tom and Vickie. They have relatives all over the country, and they plan to spend the next few years visiting them all and seeing the USA along the way.

But make no mistake: Berkeley is losing a part of itself that can never be replaced. And as Arthur Miller said, "Attention must be paid."

Congrats to Cal's latest Nobel laureate, Daniel McFadden, who shares this year's prize in economics.

But far more valuable than the honor or the money is the perk that Cal gives every faculty member who wins the Nobel: his/her own lifetime reserved parking

space, right next to the Faculty Club.

And a special salute to one of the winners of this year's Nobel prize for medicine, Dr. Paul Greengard of Rockefeller University, who announced that he's going to use his share of the money to fund a prize of his own: one for the female scientist who does the best research each year.

"My mother died in childbirth, so I never knew her," he explained. "I thought this would be an appropriate way to honor her memory."

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County offers audio tapes of ballot measures

Alameda County Registrar of Voters Bradley Clark says the county is distributing audio cassette tapes of state and local measures to visually-impaired voters for the Nov. 7 Presidential General Election.

Clark says the tapes are available at his office at 1225 Fallon Street in Oakland and several other locations including the East Bay Center for the Blind in Berkeley, Orientation Center for the Blind in Albany, Community Resources for Independent Living in Hayward, the Berkeley and Oakland public libraries and the Alameda County Library in Fremont.

For more information or to request copies of the tapes, contact the Alameda County Registrar of Voters Office at (510) 272-6933.

Tree-planting grants available

The Trust for Public Land and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection have announced that \$100,000 in grants are available for tree-planting projects on public land.

The grants are available through the California ReLeaf 2001 Tree-Planting Program, which spokesperson Elisabeth Hoskins says aims to create healthier and more attractive urban environments by encouraging groups to plant trees in their communities.

Applicants must be either an established community-based group or a city-affiliated volunteer entity. The application deadline for the grants, which range from \$500 to \$5,000, is Nov. 10. For more information, contact the grant coordinator at (949) 642-0127.

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VIEWPOINT

ACT Test, part II

By Jim Young

through junior years.

Welcome to the second session of the fall 2000's A.C.T. (Audacious Critical Taxation) Test. We are continuing this test of your knowledge of Local Governance in preparation for the real test at the ballot box Nov. 7. This session, we will consider leadership and accountability in the West Contra Costa Unified School District. First, the answer to Session I. You might have chosen any answer as correct, but the best answer was "All of the above." When it comes to construction project administrative and technical competence, the WCCUSD does badly. You might say the district has a tradition of physical incompetence.

The leadership and accountability section of the A.C.T. Test will require you to write an essay of 300 words (more or less) on one of the topics below. As in Session I, grading will be pass/fail. Successful essays will demonstrate a clear understanding of the difference between California State educational policies and initiatives and WCCUSD or local policies and initiatives. Your essay will be submitted at the ballot box Nov. 7. Consideration of WCCUSD academic leadership and accountability is important to a capital project like Measure M, because WCCUSD is not a construction company and shouldn't be held to the same standard as a Bechtel, Dillingham or Caltrans. As far as planning and completion is concerned, WCCUSD should be judged by its accomplishments of its primary mission and area of expertise, student education.

Pencils up. Read each of the essay topics before you begin. Select the topic that allows the best description of WCCUSD leadership and accountability in education. Remember that the WCCUSD is like a commensal organism with diverse and independent parts that are not necessarily parasitic, but derive their sustenance from the same source, the taxpayer.

■ Topic #1 — Improving Elementary Test Scores.

School board members have described the WCCUSD as "on the mend" because of improving elementary test scores. Board members suggest this trend, which is concentrated in the K-3 level, has something to do with WCCUSD policy and administration. The State of California launched K-3 class size reduction (from 32 students to 30 students) in the 1996-97 school year. While WCCUSD K-3 test scores are improving, K-3 test scores are improving throughout California. Comment on these two positive improvements, their relationship to state K-3 class size reduction and/or any school board-based policy you think might have also contributed to improvement. Judge whether WCCUSD or state policy has been the deciding factor in elementary test score improvement and defend your judgment.

■ Topic #2 — Declining High School Test Scores and Punitive High School Accreditation.

School board members have focused the Measure M effort on elementary education, simultaneously ignoring district secondary schools. During the past five years, the school board has embraced concepts of "school reform," including detracking, elimination of GATE and remedial classes and, at El Cerrito High School, "less is more" 4x4 block scheduling. This year, El Cerrito HS, Richmond High School and Pinole Valley High School were given punitive three-year re-accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Kennedy High School was given a one-year probationary accreditation that will terminate in June. Test scores at the four high schools range from abysmal to poor, i.e., declining from freshman

Comment on the school board's focus on elementary education in the context of their Measure M objectives. Consider both elementary and secondary test scores, the school board's "school reform" policy initiative, and draw a conclusion about the school board's leadership producing the current test scores and punitive high school re-accreditation.

■ Topic #3 — Administration and Labor, "Working Together."

During a school board election, the most important endorsement sought by any WCCUSD school board candidate is the endorsement of the UTR, United Teachers of Richmond, (AFL-CIO, CEA & NEA). For as long as anyone can remember, the UTR and the school board have signed labor contracts that allow teacher seniority to be the major criterion deciding teacher classroom assignments. One undisputed consequence of this school board/union policy is that schools with high test scores and minor daily operating problems have the district's most experienced teachers, and schools with low test scores and numerous daily operating problems have the district's least experienced, least qualified teachers.

Comment on this aspect of school board/union leadership and its impact on test scores and student learning. Describe which WCCUSD "leader," school board or UTR, is most accountable for teacher placement policy, and defend your description with specific observations.

■ Topic #4 — Accountability.

When WCCUSD educational progress is made, the school board associates that progress with its policy making and support of the district's daily educational effort. When educational failure is encountered, the school board describes the failure as originating with a) former superintendent Walter Marks; b) 200 years of oppression; c) economic injustice; and/or d) a mean spirited and ignorant state government.

Given Topics 1 to 3, describe the school board's role in creating today's educational circumstance in West County. Draw a conclusion about the school board's ability to manage education and their probable ability to administer the less familiar task of major new facility construction and renovation. When done, submit your essay at the ballot box Nov. 7, holding the school board accountable for both the current quality of education and the future quality of school buildings.

Remember, this is an open-book test, and the answers to all the questions are available to you as a matter of public record, but you do have to ask for them. One word of caution: Your essay should be based on current events falling within the last five years. Those of you who are basing your judgments on experiences that predate "school reform" (pre-1994) may draw inaccurate conclusions based on happier, more academically productive times. As part of your essay research, be certain to visit the STAR Test Web page for your school and the WCCUSD. Review the new state Academic Performance Index (API) and consider comparing WCCUSD academic performance to adjacent districts before drawing your final conclusions about WCCUSD school board leadership and accountability and its probable impact on the expenditure of \$150,000,000.

Pencils down. We'll take a short break from the ACT Test on Local Governance before we consider the questions of fiscal competency, and, my favorite, ethics.

Jim Young was an elected Site Council member at El Cerrito High School for seven years and an elected Site Council member at Adams Middle School for four years, the last two as chairman.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Owen T. Jones, you're the tops

I encourage my fellow community members to vote for Owen T. Jones for Albany School Board on Nov. 7.

He is a knowledgeable, dedicated, and fair individual who will work to keep Albany schools strong. Owen T. Jones has brought his professional experience as an architect to the High School Facilities Committee. He has demonstrated his concern as a parent through his service on the High School Site Council and with the Albany Education Foundation. Owen T. Jones cares about fiscal responsibility, communication, and meeting the educational needs of all students in our district. We need this outstanding candidate on our school board. Vote for Owen T. Jones; he is terrific!

Kay Weinstein

Jones will be an asset

For the past three years, I have had the pleasure of working with Owen T. Jones on the board of the Albany Education Foundation. He is very knowledgeable, hard-working and dedicated to the welfare of his children and the students of this community.

I know that Owen T. Jones will be an asset as a member of the school board.

Miriam Gershenson
Albany

National health care needed

Our nation needs a national guarantee of health care for all. It is time that the U.S. joined the rest of the democratic industrialized world in assuring health care for all.

We need elected leaders who will place the health of their constituents as a top priority — not interest of the insurance and drug industries, which spent more than \$500 million in lobbying and campaign contributions to influence the 1997-98 session of Congress alone.

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3. Will you join the Universal Health Care Task Force in Congress to draft, with your colleagues, principled and practical proposals for universal coverage in the first nine months of the 107th Congress?

I urge readers to take this message to candidates for Congress (and senators, state legislators, and supervisors). Do you believe that everyone should have a health care plan as good as our Congressional representatives have?

This issue has the support of black, Hispanic, Asian-Pacific, women, children and Native American caucuses, the National Council

of Churches, and the Gray Panthers. Contact Universal Health Care 2000 Campaign (U2K Campaign), 216-902-5577.

Joan Bartulovich
El Cerrito

Taxpayers: Wise up

The school district borrowed from the state and shovled a \$5.2 million bond down our throats without a vote in 1995. This amount should have compounded to approximately \$26 million by now. In 1998, the taxpayers passed yet another bond (Measure E) for \$40 million.

I do not believe that anyone would object to helping the schools in our district, but there has to be a limit to the amount of money that the taxpayers must pay. Where is the \$5.2 million that was supposed to go for maintenance? Where is the money from the state? Where is the money that was supposed to come from the lottery? It would seem that the public is entitled to know what these funds were used for and why we are constantly being asked to pass bond issues.

I asked school board President Glen Price this question at a recent meeting of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, where he was a speaker. His answer was that the \$5.2 million in 1995 was used for teachers' salaries. This answer is not good enough. We need an exact accounting of the funds and their use.

Property owners and taxpayers must wise up. We are being asked to vote for a school bond issue, Measure M, again in November. If this measure passes, it will be the people who rent property in West Contra Costa who will vote to give more money to the schools, people who have nothing to lose by this issue.

Until I receive an accounting of the previous funds received and an accounting of the programs funded and exact funds dispensed, I will oppose this bond issue vigorously.

Vote No on "M" until we have the facts.

Robert Winslow
El Cerrito

Hercules needs to study split carefully

I read with interest of Hercules' intent to study the possibility of splitting from the West Contra Costa school district, particularly in light of the fact the region once had its own elementary school district.

That district joined the then-Richmond school district in a unification vote intended to overcome the educational and operating deficiencies inherent in a small district.

The current problems of the West Contra Costa school district, which have created the Hercules move, are widely known. However, there are many considerations in such a move which have not yet been broached.

They include, but are not limited to:

■ The financial and operating ability of a small district to provide a complete education (see John Swett).

■ How a new district would handle the prorata portion of the West Contra Costa school district debt it would most surely inherit, including the state debt and a recently passed bond issue.

■ How a new district would compensate the school district for the capital plant it would take over, including the new \$50 million high and middle school.

Another consideration, to me, seems the most significant one. In recent years, city government in Hercules has been in constant turmoil. It has arguably been the least effective local government operation in West County.

A Hercules school district, which encompasses essentially the same geographical area, would include the same personalities who have contributed to constant discord in the city. The children and the region don't need the creation of another dysfunctional government entity.

Bill Doyle
El Cerrito

Fully supporting Owen T.

I fully support Owen T. Jones for school board! I have known the Jones family, and I have been their neighbor for over 10 years. During this time, I have watched Owen parent his children and work hard to provide a good family environment for his wife and kids. He is always involved in school issues and other local affairs. He is involved to ensure the right path is followed for his family.

As a real property appraiser, I know the benefits of a top rated educational program on property values, as well as the benefits to our children. Albany residents have been voluntarily generous in financially supporting our schools. It would be wonderful if we could elect a man of Owen T's ability and motivation to the school board to ensure the right policies are enacted and the monies are spent wisely.

I fully support Owen "T" for school board because he is competent, capable, and willing to do the best job possible for the families of the city of Albany.

Ernest G. Simi
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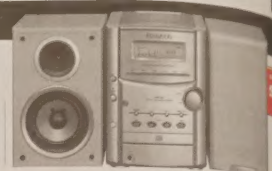
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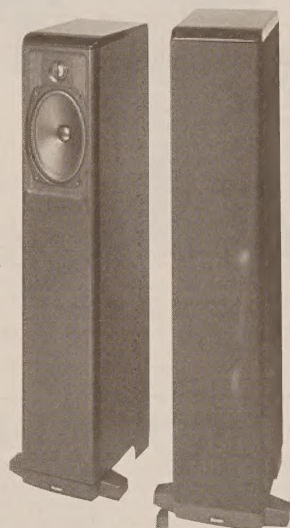
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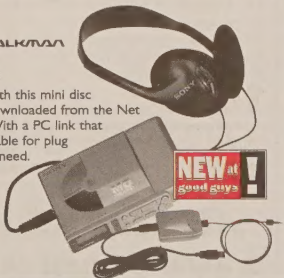
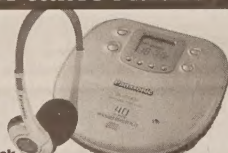
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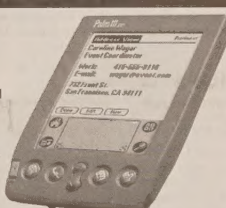
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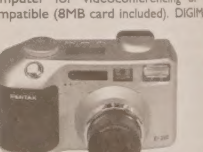
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On Saturday I joined some 800 cheering and emotional people to help celebrate the dedication of the "Rosie The Riveter" memorial, in Richmond. It was an exciting and moving ceremony, and since few people on our side of the city line really paid attention to it, I thought it would be a good idea to memorialize the dedication of the memorial.

As regular readers of this column must know by now, Richmond is dear to my heart. It is where my husband, Joseph, and I came to live after we were both separated from the service in 1945-46. And our first couple of years, living in public housing, along with many other young veteran families, were both exciting and difficult.

And, at last, Richmond is coming into its own. It is being recognized for the tremendous job the city and its citizens did during World War II. Particularly the women, who left their housewifely duties and took on jobs that none of them had dreamed they could do just a few months ear-

Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

lier. Welding, "burning" and all the other "manly" jobs that are necessary to build a ship. And they built almost 800 of them, Liberty and Victory ships.

When we came to Richmond, the war was ending and the shipyards were closing. Women were sent back to the kitchen so that returning men could take the many, many jobs the women had been doing inside and outside the shipyards: cab drivers, garbage collectors, countless other jobs that had never been "women's work". And until yesterday few people remembered the homefront efforts that made the whole war possible.

Now Richmond is to be the country's reminder of this very important part of the history of World War II. Thanks to the bill that U.S. Rep. George Miller (who was born in Richmond) introduced and car-

ried through Congress, with the fine help of U.S. senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein, which makes Richmond's South shore — the part covering the area of the shipyards and adjacent historical buildings such as the Ford building and others — a memorial park dedicated to maintaining that all-important history.

George Miller spoke at the dedication, and he spoke to his home folks. It was a moving and exciting talk, greeted with tears and laughter by the many, many people who have known and loved him all his life. He mentioned his father, the late George Miller Jr., who had been assemblyman and state senator for many years before his death, and how important his legacy was to the present George. And he pointed out the very difficult work that the women did and how much it helped the war effort.

The idea for the memorial had been then-city councilwoman Donna Powers'. Not only did she conceive the idea, but she stayed

close to it in every phase of its development. She served as emcee and she read some of the oral histories of some of the "Rosies" still around. They were very emotional. I sat among the Rosies for a while, and during the reading of the oral histories, I saw them nod, smile and cry as it brought it all back so vividly. One woman got up and spoke of her mother who had been a "little tiny thing" and thus was able to get into areas too small for most people, where she did the necessary welding that would have been impossible otherwise. Near me I saw two other women nod and mouth "That's what I did."

And the Rosies did turn out. Most of them in their late 70s and 80s, some even in their 90s, led by a woman of 100. Some of them came in wheelchairs and walkers, but the greater number of them walked in, looking quite fit and taking a great interest in everything that was happening. They had been given corsages of roses, and carried flags. And they were happy to share their

memories with the many newspaper people and others who were compiling stories.

In addition to U.S. Rep. George Miller, there were others who spoke and had so much to add. Donna Graves has been the project manager throughout the building of the memorial, and everyone pointed out the great work she has done. And Ray Murray, of the National Park Service, who has been eagerly helping to get Miller's bill passed. Also a woman from Tradeswomen, an organization of women in the trades in formerly all-male jobs. Marian Sauer, a retired teacher, spoke of the challenges to the teachers of the time, when the population of Richmond suddenly soared from a sleepy 23,000 to over 100,000. It led to double classes and huge numbers of children in each class. But the teachers, she reminded us, met the challenge, and did it well.

A fine band, Herbie Mims & Co., accompanied the Star Spangled Banner and played throughout the ceremonies, and a wonderful mo-

ment was the fly-by of three B-29 Superfortresses from World War II, built with the help of women in the other part of the country.

An exciting day, an emotional day, and a celebration beautiful in its new status as The Only memorial in the country of the Home Front efforts that so helped us win the war to lose what has been an unfortunate image, to be recognized as a fine and vibrant city it is.

I hope that everyone will take a ride to Rose the Riveter Park and view the memorial there. Reflect on the history of those days in the new ones love of the country and people.

Remember, I need your input in interesting people, events, organizations, etc. Please write to me at 555 W. St., #443, Albany, CA 94706 or 525-4585. My email is crgenser@aol.com.

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bary Library from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Albany Community Center, Marin Avenue at Masonic Avenue. Info: 510-526-3720.

Wings in the Night

Learn about bats in a program with live bats presented by Maggie Hooper from the Bat Conservation League at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24, at the Kensington Library, 71 Arlington Ave. She will bring in three live bats to make her presentation and discuss the reality and myths surrounding bats. All ages are welcome. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library.

Hoops league

The City of El Cerrito has opened registration for both the David Hunter Memorial Boys Basketball League and the Girls' Hoops League. Practice will begin Nov. 6 and run through mid-February. For more information, please call 510-251-4376.

Saturday night dancing

Bust-A-Move will host Saturday night dancing at the new Cafe-Electica (1309 Solano Ave.) on Saturday, Nov. 4, at 7:30 p.m. The high school party features salsa and merengue. Bust-A-Move will continue to host Saturday Night dancing on the first Saturday of every month. For more information, call (510) 526-3720, or e-mail Prockwell@aol.com.

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Police

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were again numerous groups of juveniles roaming the streets throwing eggs and spraying shaving cream, mustard and ketchup on homes and vehicles. More adventurous groups added barbecue sauce, salad dressing and flour to their mix. When officers contacted a group, they were warned of their activity and sent on their way. Most of the groups were located in the area of Memorial Park and the high school, but some were in the area of Taft Street and the 900 block of Solano Avenue. About 10 p.m., the video store in El Cerrito Plaza reported that a group of juveniles had just thrown eggs at their store. The group was gone when officers arrived. In some cases, when officers noticed a vehicle that had been covered with the various condiments, and they couldn't rouse or find the owner, they hosed the car off themselves.

■ About 11:30 p.m. on Oct. 12, officers assisted the El Cerrito Police in locating a silver '89 Nissan Sentra that had been involved in egging an El Cerrito house. The driver of the vehicle, a 17-year-old boy, was contacted and referred to the El Cerrito Police Department.

■ About 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 12, officers stopped a gray '84 Honda Accord near Solano and Evelyn Avenues for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 29-year-old Richmond man, was found to have outstanding Oakland warrants in the amount of \$3,628 for driving with a suspended license. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ Shortly before midnight on Oct. 12, Albany officers located a blue '86 Nissan in the north lot at Golden Gate Fields that had been reported as stolen from Richmond. They had no one in custody, and the owner was notified.

■ On the afternoon of Oct. 13, a resident on the 1000 block of Peralta Avenue reported that thieves had stolen his black Mishiki Hybred 21-speed bike from his side yard. There were no witnesses.

■ On the night of Oct. 13, the rowdy festivities again started up with the usual noisy groups of juveniles throwing eggs in the area of Memorial Park. Officers contacted and disbanded several groups.

■ About noon on Oct. 14, a resident on the 1500 block of Posen Avenue reported that thieves had broken into his gray '91 Ford Taurus. There were no witnesses.

■ About 10 p.m. on Oct. 14, Albany officers responded to Ocean View School on the 1000 block of Jackson Street on reports of two juveniles who were directed to leave the Albany High School dance after

causing a disturbance but refusing to leave. Officers contacted the 16-year-old Berkeley boy and the 15-year-old Albany boy and found them to be intoxicated. They were arrested and released to their parents with Notices to Appear.

■ About 11 p.m. on Oct. 14, officers again responded to the high school dance at Ocean View School on reports that vandals had scratched obscenities in the paint and windows of a blue, four-door '89 Honda belonging to an Oakland man. The vandals had also broken the driver's side mirror. There were no witnesses to the damage.

■ About 11:15 p.m. on Oct. 14, a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that vandals had thrown a barricade through the window of his red '90 Mazda Miata parked on the street. There were no witnesses.

■ About 11:30 p.m. on Oct. 14, Albany officers responded to the 800 block of Buchanan Street on reports of a white '93 Chevy truck that was driving erratically and in circles in a parking lot of the U.S. Department of Agriculture facility. Officers contacted

the driver, a 28-year-old Bennington and found him to be intoxicated. He was arrested, cited, and released when sober.

■ About 2:15 a.m. on Oct. 14, officers observed a green '93 Saturn on the 500 block of Pierce Street that had a smashed rear window. There were no witnesses, and the owner was notified.

■ About noon on Oct. 15, a resident on the 1100 block of Webster Street reported that thieves had stolen his light blue, 18-speed Trek Mountain Bike that was locked. There were no witnesses.

During the week of Oct. 9, Albany officers towed four vehicles, responded to four false alarms, attended to two lost or deceased animals, assisted two people who were locked out of their house or car, and responded to four reports of barking dogs. In the domestic arena, officers responded to 19 civil disturbances, counting the homecoming anniversary and 76 civil assists. Officers stopped 79 cars and/or pedestrians, issuing citations and 38 warnings. Albany firefighters/paramedics responded to 14 fire calls and 14 medical emergencies.

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Albany High School

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■ SCRIIP Orders: Safeway and Andronico's scrip must be purchased from eScrip (1-800-400-7878). Old Navy scrip is now available from eScrip. We are selling Natural Grocery scrip, and arranging for Albertson's Community Partners cards. Call Linda Okamoto at 525-6782 or Belinda Lund at 528-2429. E-mail Linda at cho.prn.lo@cho.org or Belinda at belum@pacbell.net.

■ Oct. 27, AHS Chorus in "A Madrigal Evening," 8 p.m., St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley, admission \$10 adults, \$5 students/seniors, a benefit for the 2000-01 Advanced Choral Concert Tour.

■ Nov. 2, Instructional Improvement Committee meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Room 53

■ Nov. 6, PTA meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Library

■ Nov. 10-11, Fall Theater Ensemble, 8 p.m., AHS Little Theater

Albany Middle School

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■ Oct. 27, sixth grade Halloween Party, 1-3 p.m., Sixth Grade Hall.

■ Nov. 2, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., AMS Library

Cornell Elementary

■ SCRIIP sales: Safeway scrip must be purchased from eScrip (1-800-400-7878). Andronico's scrip may be purchased from eScrip, or paper scrip may be purchased at school. Natural Grocery and Berkeley Bowl SCRIIP for sale Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:15-8:45, and Wednesday after school.

■ Nov. 21, PTA meeting, 6:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

Marin Elementary School

■ SCRIIP for sale Monday and Friday mornings before school, at both early and late bird times. Orders can be placed in office at any time. Safeway scrip must be purchased from eScrip (1-800-400-7878). Andronico's scrip may be purchased from eScrip, or paper scrip may be purchased at school. Natural Grocery and Albertson's scrip may be purchased at school.

■ Reminder: Please remember to save and turn in General Mills box-tops for education to office.

■ Oct. 26, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., Marin Multi-Purpose Room

Ocean View Elementary

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school. We are now selling paper scrip from Ranch 99 Market.

■ RECYCLE used computer printer cartridges from your home or office. Look for bins in the library soon.

■ Oct. 26, PTA meeting, 7 p.m., Ocean View Library

AUSD Board of Education

■ Oct. 24, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

■ Nov. 7, AUSD opposes Proposition 38, school vouchers

League of Women Voters

Nov. 2, Mock Election at Albany High School, volunteers needed. Call Karen deHart, social studies chair at 510-559-6550 ext. 4120

AUSD Calendar

Nov. 10, Veterans Day, NO SCHOOL

Items? Call Kay Weinstein at 525-0363 or email: kayweinstein@yahoo.com

EL CERRITO PTA NEWS

25 percent will be given to Castro. SCHOOL SITE SUPERVISORS NEEDED: 1 hour daily from noon to 1:00p.m. at \$7.50 per hour. Call 234-6200 for more information.

Fundraisers: Castro is enrolled in eScrip (ID#137627554), Albertson's, Target, and SchoolPop fundraising programs. Call Peggy Wilcox at 236-0761 to find out how you can benefit Castro when you shop.

El Cerrito High

■ Oct. 24 GRAD NIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING - 7:30p.m. in Rm. 812. Grad night is a traditional all-night party following graduation for ECHS Seniors. It promotes a safe, sober, and fun celebration. Food, drink, entertainment, music, dancing, games, and door prizes will be provided throughout the night in the totally transformed school gym. Grad night is put on by parents and its success is dependent upon much parent support and participation. All parents are welcome and Jr. parents are encouraged to attend so they may "take notes" for the following year. Any questions, call Vickie Nolan, 526-5485.

■ Oct. 25, Halloween Concert by the Symphonic and Concert Bands - 7:30p.m. in the Cafeteria. Admission: \$5.00 Adults/\$2.00 Children. Wear a costume

or bring cookies and get in FREE.

■ Oct. 26, Dance Performance at 8:00p.m. in the Little Theater. Admission will be charged - TBA.

Harding Elementary

■ Scrip purchases - contact Holly Winter at 525-0273.

■ After School Classes include tennis, dance and drama. Call the school at 525-0273 or the El Cerrito Community Center for more details.

Portola Middle School

■ Join Portola PTA - \$6 per person. Funds are used to supplement student programs and facility needs. We also encourage you to get involved by volunteering. We look forward to your participation.

ward to meeting you. Send your check (payable to Portola PTA) to Nancy Toombs, Attn: Portola Membership, 8188 Terrace Dr., El Cerrito 94530.

■ Oct. 19, School Advisory Committee, 6:45p.m. @ Portola, Room 320.

■ Oct. 20, Magazine fund-raiser kickoff. Order or renew magazines and benefit Portola. Call Paula Lew at 525-3346 to order or help.

■ Oct. 23-Nov. 3, Red Ribbon weeks. Students will be participating in drug awareness programs and activities.

■ Oct. 24, Meetings - Music Parents at 6:30p.m., and PTA general membership meeting at 7:15p.m. in the Portola library. Program: Disaster Preparedness with Ray Howard, WCCUSD Safety Officer.

■ Teen Center - Monday through Thursday from 3p.m. to 5p.m. at the Community Center. Fee - \$6 drop in or \$50 monthly. Great activities, trips and special events. Call 215-4370 for more information.

■ Fundraisers: Portola is enrolled in eScrip and Albertson's fundraising programs. Call Peggy Wilcox at 236-0761 to find out how you can benefit Portola while you shop.

WCCUD Calendar

Oct. 31, minimum day for elementary and middle schools.

Items? Call Linda Takimoto at 237-6183 or email: ltakimoto@yahoo.com

City examining playground safety

State-mandated playground safety inspections have been completed in El Cerrito reports Monica Kortz, city community services manager.

A certified national playground safety inspector inspected 14 city playgrounds and helped identify safety items that will be addressed by staff during the next 14 weeks, Kortz said.

"Bruce King, maintenance and engineering services manager will be receiving bids for those items that cannot be done by city staff and are related to playground equipment safety," Kortz reported.

"The Park and Recreation Commission would like to review the reports and recommend to council a transition plan, which addresses the sub-standard play equipment."

In other playground news, Kortz reported that city staff members are gathering information and have requested an application for a state grant to upgrade city playgrounds and ensure their accessibility in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The grant would be through the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Wa-

ter, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 and grants would not exceed \$50,000 for any one playground.

Homeless Awareness Month is November

The City Council this week proclaimed November 2000 as homeless awareness month.

"The number of people who are without permanent affordable housing or who are at the risk of losing their housing has increased significantly over the last decade," the city proclamation reads.

"Families make up approximately one-third of the homeless population, one homeless person in four is a child and veterans comprise one-quarter to one-half of the homeless people who often have full-time employment but do not make enough to pay for shelter," it adds.

The proclamation urges all El Cerritos to help end homelessness.

This is Falun Dafa Week in El Cerrito

At the request of a group of Falun Dafa practitioners, the City Council has proclaimed Oct. 16 to 22 as Falun Dafa Week in the city.

"Falun Dafa is an advanced traditional Chinese Qigong practice for improving the mind and body through gentle exercise and meditation" the proclamation states. "This practice has a significant positive effect on stress-relief and overall mental and physical health," it adds.

Falun Dafa, practiced by more than 100 million people in more than 40 countries worldwide, was publicly introduced to El Cerrito in 1998 when free workshops were held at various city locations.

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Bulb

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Become part of the park.

There are two water areas, one on the tip of the bulb and one on the north side. Ritzma explained, "The Regional Water Quality Control Board has requested that the city breach the dike and allow for tidal flow to provide a good nesting area" for shore birds.

The city is scheduled to receive \$637,000 in funding from the state's Park and Recreation budget for the water project on June 1. "We anticipate we will complete it during the summer," Ritzma said.

Still, the team will be faced with some tricky questions. Not only will they be figuring out what best way to use the land, but how to work around protruding pipes and concrete, as well as numerous gaping holes of exposed rusty materials.

The landfill was a popular dumping ground for old construction material such as huge chunks of concrete, walls of brick and asphalt slabs until it was closed in 1984. In numerous public meetings and hearings since then, many residents said they hoped the site would retain its wild and natural-looking appearance.

"Capping" the site with a thick

mud cap, could have cost Albany more than \$4 million, but numerous water quality tests led to the conclusion that the process unnecessary.

The area won't see any action for some time, however, and will probably remain somewhat dormant for the time being.

"People currently enter at their own risk," said assistant city administrator Ann Ritzma. "We're not encouraging or prohibiting (anyone)." The city does prohibit overnight use, camping and storage dumping, a restriction enacted a year ago to give the city means to remove the homeless encampment there.

Much has changed since the city moved out the encampment.

A stroll out on the Albany bulb is like stumbling across the site of some former civilization. A couple of rusty shopping carts near the entrance and a weather-worn pile of cans, plastic bags, bike parts and books on the north end hint at the former spread of shacks and other makeshift living areas.

Anyone continuing to camp there has done so unnoticed by the city.

The process of creating a park, however, started long before the homeless were relocated.

Since 1992 the park district has worked in conjunction with California Department of Parks and Recreation and expended about \$30 mil-

lion in acquiring various properties that will make up the park, which encompasses parts of Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley, Albany and Richmond.

In 1982 the California Department of Parks and Recreation completed an East Shore feasibility study, which found that it was feasible to establish some sort of state recreation area. The purpose, according to Tong, "was to maintain its open space and provide some recreation uses of the area. That was the start of it."

Ten years later an assembly bill was passed mandating that the East Bay Regional Park District act as the agent for the state to acquire, plan and develop the East Shore State Park.

The team is tentatively scheduled to start the planning process by December or early January.

Though Tong says it's too early to address potential uses on specific areas like the Albany Bulb, questions remain about the potential for danger on the landfill.

Ritzma doesn't see any cause for worry.

"This is an inert site," she said. "There's not methane gas coming out of it; it's not leeching into the Bay; this is not residential garbage."

Even so, whether that constitutes a safe recreation area for children,

let alone adults, remains to be seen.

Other questions pertaining to local involvement, such as maintenance and enforcement, will need to be addressed.

According to Albany Police Lt. Greg Bone, the bulb hasn't seen much action on the part of the police since the encampment was removed. He isn't certain what role the Albany Police Department will play in the area.

"To our knowledge, nothing's gone on out there since the operations last year," he said.

Bone guesses that, like with UC Village, the park will have its own jurisdiction, but local police will be expected to respond in emergencies.

Not all waterfront areas will pertain to the park. Some portions of land will remain in the hands of their respective cities, such as Point Emery in Emeryville, the Berkeley Marina and Albany's Golden Gate Fields.

The planning process will have to pass through many hands before a shovel hits the ground. Once the consultants make a recommendation, it will still have to be approved by both the park district as well as the State Park and Recreation Committee.

Funding for the park primarily comes from Proposition 70, a 1988 statewide bond issue, as well as Measure AA, a regional parks funding measure.

Walking El Cerrito for Measure M

West County School Watch
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Tomorrow, Saturday, Oct. 21, parents, students, teachers, and community members will be walking door-to-door in El Cerrito to get the word out about Measure M, a \$150 million school bond measure on the Nov. 7 ballot.

Measure M funds will be used to: repair and upgrade elementary schools, build new classrooms, wire every school to accommodate computers and the internet, renovate bathrooms, replace leaking roofs and outdated fire systems, and provide for seismic upgrades. Everyone is invited to participate and no experience is necessary. Meet at 849 Lexington Ave in El Cerrito at 10 a.m. (cross street is Waldo). We'll team you up with other walkers. It is great exercise and good old-fashioned democracy at work.

Precinct walking is continuing every Saturday until election day and community phone banks are being held Monday through Thursday from 5:30 to 8:30. For more information call Kim

Condo

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rapidly escalating rents."

Stern and Keimach said there was concern that conversion of existing residential rental properties into condominiums would "further exacerbate this perceived rental housing crisis."

"This is particularly true since El Cerrito does not have any ordinance provisions which regulate the conversion of rental properties to condominiums," the report states. In his report before the council this week, Stern pointed out that state law imposes some requirements on condominium conversions, such as tenant notices and giving existing tenants right of first refusal to purchase the new conversion, but these laws usually apply only to condominium conversions of five or more units.

The staff report notes that 26.4 percent of housing units in the city

are classified as multi-family units and that 53.5 percent of these are in buildings of five or more units. "Therefore, almost half of the El Cerrito multi-family housing stock is composed of buildings containing two to four units," the report notes.

Additionally, the report points out that, according to Association of Bay Area Governments data, El Cerrito has the lowest housing vacancy rate of neighboring jurisdictions.

ABAG does not tabulate separate rental housing rates alone, but calculates all housing types together. Using this basis, the vacancy rate for all housing in El Cerrito for the second quarter of this year was 3.74 percent. The vacancy rate for Contra Costa County was 5.09 percent. The rate was 5.24 percent in Richmond, 3.70 percent in Albany and 4.99 percent in Berkeley.

On a county-wide basis, the rental housing vacancy rate for Contra Costa County is 1.1 percent, according to ABAG data.

In terms of rental housing costs county-wide, rental rates have increased an average of 20 percent this year and an average of 30 percent during the past two years, Stern told the council.

The staff report points out that conversion of rental properties "provides certain advantages to a city and its residents" such as a low-cost opportunity for families and seniors for home ownership.

The report also notes that approximately 30 percent of converted units remain as rentals. "However, condominium conversions do take away rental units from the rental housing inventory and this can negatively impact a community," it adds.

"Data obtained from ABAG confirm that El Cerrito is experiencing a rental housing shortage accompanied by rapidly escalating rents," reads the ordinance approved by the council this week that extends the moratorium.

Stern said he expects a draft ordinance to be completed within the next two months. The ordinance will then be available for review and comment before going to the Planning Commission and then on to the City Council.

In a related issue, the El Cerrito Committee on Aging is studying the issue of affordable housing for seniors in El Cerrito and plans to make a report to the City Council when the study is completed.

Janet James, a member of the Committee on Aging and the chairwoman of its housing subcommittee, said on Wednesday that the date of the report to the City Council is not yet set.

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The project area was not nationally part of the hill, but was added on as a landfill, she explained.

Project to shore up hillside approved

ALBANY — City Council members voted unanimously Monday to repair the area of Albany Hill that broke down during rain storms last year, causing mud slides to block the road.

A section of Castro Street between Hillside Avenue and Jackson Street will be sectioned off, which will temporarily slow traffic, probably starting in the next two weeks.

The project, contracted out to Ransome Company, will cost a maximum of \$85,000. Workers will attempt to

stabilize the weakened area of land placing layers of fabric between each inch layers of soil, like a landscape.

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Cash

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were not selected for the intervention program are: Mt. Diablo Unified's Ygnacio Valley and Mt. Diablo high schools and West Contra Costa Unified's De Anza, Pinole Valley and Kennedy high schools.

The law, McCabe said, mandates that the Department of Education select a cross-section of schools that performed below the state average, not just the schools with the lowest test scores.

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put all resources at the very bottom, but (the governor) thinks all of the schools down there (below average) should be eligible," said McCabe.

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Mazzini Trattoria: Every taste of Italy

by Laura Fischer

Every Italian city has its *viva Mazzini*, named after Giuseppe Mazzini, a nineteenth century hero of the Risorgimento - the movement for an independent and unified Italy. Every Italian city also has its Trattoria, a modest, independent restaurant faithful to the best traditions of Italian cuisine.

A trattoria is a place where food is simple, unpretentious and irresistible. Mazzini is of this tradition, offering dishes that are part of the living culinary history of the Italian peninsula, full of the strong tastes of the sun and sea, the olive tree and the vine. In the same way the atmosphere of Mazzini evokes the setting, style and service of Italian trattorias that make a connection between the diner, the host and history.

Owner Jim Maser is an Italian American and a native of Berkeley. Laura Maser, Jim's wife of 25 years, is an artist, a native of New Jersey and the younger sister of Alice Waters, creator and proprietor of Chez Panisse.

Both Jim and Laura Maser are sophisticated cooks and lovers of all things culinary. By the time they opened Cafe Fanny with Ms. Waters in 1984, they were well versed in the culinary revolution whose epicenter was Chez Panisse.

In 1994, they drew upon their passions and predilections by opening Picante Cocina Mexicana, inspired by their affection for Mexico, each other and the menus they discovered there.

"Mazzini trattoria springs from similar inspiration," say the Masers. "After many trips to Italy, we longed for the neighborhood trattorias we frequented in Italy. Unable to find one in Berkeley, we set about creating one."

And so they have. "Mazzini cooks and serves the traditional honest food which is integral to an Italian's sense of well-being, the Masers assert.

"Just as Italian food has always relied on fresh, seasonal ingredients, the dishes at Mazzini are based on the best fresh local ingredients and out-



Mazzini Trattoria

standing, high-quality products imported from Italy."

Carol Field is the on-going menu consultant. In her words, "The dishes found on the menu are the same ones likely to turn up on any Italian farm house table."

Mazzini's executive chef, Dija Amer, is a graduate of the California Culinary Academy and has been with Mazzini trattoria since its opening in November 1998. Her approach to the cuisine is as well thought out as the concept that led to Mazzini's creation.

The menu might seem eclectic to some, but the flavors are ingeniously combined to delight the palate and leave you surprisingly sated. From the Antipasti, to Pizza, Pasta and Risotto, you are off to a delicious start.

The pacing of the meal is suited to a relaxing, unparalleled dining experience. Move on to the "Piatto del giorno." Suddenly you feel as if you have come home to a family dinner.... intimate, yet ultimately social. For those of you who find these Italian terms confusing, Mazzini has put together the English translation of their menu. So fear not!

Mazzini's wine list is a fascinating



Mazzini Trattoria offers an assortment of Italian handmade wines

collection of small production handmade wines from all over Italy. "Instead of just a few well known labels, the list celebrates the country's amazing diversity," says Mazzini wine buyer, Mark Ellenbogen.

Many wines featured are made from native grapes that are often unknown in this country. Try a crisp, lemony white-like Ribolla gialla from the northeast, or a velvety red from the slopes of Mt. Etna in Sicily. Both are great with Mazzini's simple, delicious cuisine.

The service and service personnel at Mazzini's is a cut above. "Like trattoria food, trattoria service is simple but not casual," say the Masers. "It is full service, but always with a human face. Professional rapid, cheerful and genuinely hospitable. Trattoria service is

attentive; never invasive - friendly and never presumptuous, the Masers say. "It is knowledgeable, yet never arrogant, speedy or slapdash."

The menu changes daily. For fall, Mazzini will feature dishes that reflect the best the season has to offer, using the freshest organic ingredients - from local ranches and farms.

It all adds up to the essential idea of a neighborhood trattoria. My culinary experience at Mazzini's was one to remember. This diner will return.

Mazzini is located at 2826 Telegraph Avenue in Berkeley, two blocks North of Ashby between Stuart and Oregon. Lunch is served 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily. Dinner hours are 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. daily. For reservations, call (510) 848-5599.

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Residents turn out to hear Albany candidates

By Clare Curley
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — If residents were hoping for a heated debate Tuesday night, they were sure to leave disappointed.

In most cases, neither City Council nor school board contenders revealed major differences in opinion when they faced off in front of close to 100 residents during a candidates debate at the Albany Community Center.

Mario DiPrisco and Norm Friedman tried to convince the audience they would do most for the city as the two-year interim council member, while Owen T. Jones vied for one of two open seats on the board alongside incumbents Bill Cain and Owen H. Jones.

Local Realtor Rita Smith, who is also running for the two-year council seat, was out of town during the debate.

"There were no surprises," Jim Cleveland, who has spent 33 years in Albany, said afterwards.

A few questions were directed at a specific group, such as how the

school board hopefuls would spend unrestricted funds, which received similar answers from all three candidates. Each said the funds should be put both toward salary raises for teachers and maintaining programs - though none addressed how the two areas would be balanced.

However, thoughts did differ on a few issues. One such question was how to fund planned improvements to Cougar Field - the high school's sports facility, projected as a multi-million-dollar project.

"We need to do another bond" as well as grass-roots fundraising, said incumbent Owen H. Jones, while his challengers maintained it might be difficult to raise such a large amount of money in a city the size of Albany.

Cain, the board president and a former City Councilman, suggested dividing up the project and approaching it piece by piece, beginning possibly with rebuilding the shaky bleachers.

Among the council contenders, DiPrisco, a financial investor, took the opportunity of the forum to emphasize "the importance of strength-

ening our city's finances."

Many other questions were also directed to all five candidates.

All highly approved of "more communication" between the city and school district, for instance, though none said what new approach would help make this happen.

With less related experience under their belts, the newcomers for both the school board and city council are relying heavily on personal strengths. While Friedman, who operates the Albany Sports Camp, touted his familiarity with playing fields, DiPrisco talked up attracting new business to the city.

Similarly, Owen T. Jones says that his experience as a father with children in Albany schools sets him apart from the other school board candidates.

"I think I have a real current knowledge (of the district)," he said. "I know most of the teachers quite well."

One concern none vying for school board is likely to address is controlling the amount of work sent

home to either students or their parents, another question that was put to them. They all responded that it is up to teachers to decide how much work to dole out. They didn't address, however, whether teachers can better coordinate with one another or with administrators to balance out work they are distributing at a given time.

Owen T. Jones added that if a student is having a problem with the amount of work, the situation could be worked out on an individual basis. "There needs to be competition at the high school level to get into college," he added.

On the other hand, there were slightly differing opinions about how to best deal with unruly teenagers, in the aftermath of the recent vandalism during homecoming week.

Owen T. Jones suggested "working more closely with student leadership and dealing with kids prior to homecoming," while Cain said that "We need to involve all students."

EC police make report to city on football game aftermath

Department will have personnel present at remaining home games

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Police Chief Scott Kirkland updated the City Council in a report last week concerning the Sept. 15 fights and disturbance that occurred after a night football game at El Cerrito High School.

In this report and one earlier, Kirkland informed the council that pepper spray was sprayed into the air "over the core combatants" at the scene of one of several simultaneous fights and that the spray was not directed at anyone.

"At the time of this disturbance, and as officers were requesting assistance to the area from other El Cerrito police officers, a (California Highway Patrol) helicopter was in the area monitoring local police radio traffic as per routine," Kirkland reported.

"They responded to the school and illuminated the scene, the hostile crowd," he said. "The department did not request assistance; however, their response was greatly appreciated and, it should be noted, was pursuant to their practice given the nature of the disturbance."

Kirkland said that the ECPD been working with Principal Aaronian to prevent similar occurrences.

"With agreement from the Department, the football game on Friday, Sept. 29, will be rescheduled to a 4 p.m. start. There were no reported incidents during the game or afterward," he said.

Kirkland also noted that the school district has asked the Department to provide police presence for the remainder of the ball season.

"The district will reimburse for the cost of the officers," he said.

"At minimum, the department provide a sergeant, an officer and serve officers for the game," he said. "Cinderella is working directly with Mr. Aaronian to ensure an adequate presence and that the city is reimbursed."

Contract

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as bad as it looks.

He contended that the district's offer is very close to matching the ATA's request for a double-digit hike, but said board members are not allowed to give specifics during the negotiating process. He added that some of the new, unrestricted funds are tied up in school programs.

A few details are interpreted differently on either side. One point that the sides disagree on is whether or not extra pay for teachers in the fourth and fifth grades can be figured into salary increases. Previously, when K-3 grades received relief in the form of smaller class sizes, the upper grades were left behind. Part of the tentative agreement provided prep time for fourth and fifth grade teachers.

Therefore, a small portion of the total salary increase being offered to teachers would actually pay for relief for the two grades, possibly by giving them extra help or by paying them for additional hours.

"We feel the prep time shouldn't take away from money going to teacher salaries," said DeHart.

Even Cain doesn't disagree there is some inequity among fourth and fifth grade teachers, whose class sizes are at times close to 30 when lower grades tend to have about 20 children in a class.

"Relative to other teachers, it probably is unfair," he said.

School board candidate Owen T. Jones, who also has children in Albany schools, said that his concern "is that this be a sustainable raise," calling the district offer of 10 and 11 percent raises "short-sighted."

DePasquale argues this point as well, saying the same amount of funding will be coming into the dis-

trict each year, and that the raises in those districts will be ongoing.

Retaining teachers is another issue that both sides emphasize.

Board member Owen H. Jones, said repeatedly that retaining teachers is a top priority during a candidates debate Tuesday, and that, "I am concerned about losing teachers to other districts."

Cain agreed, saying, "I am always concerned about teachers leaving."

The already complicated question of salary increases, which is central to teacher retention in an area with a high cost of living, is compounded by history.

Part of the problem dates back two years, when there wasn't enough communication within the district, current board members acknowledge.

A committee was formed to address an upcoming \$1 million parcel tax intended to bolster non-core sports, arts and other programs. But

when more than half of the money instead funded an existing deficit, a lot of people felt misled, said DePasquale.

So, the argument now is that if that money had gone towards new programming, as committee members understood it would, there would be more left over this year to go toward raises.

Currently, what's left of the money is allotted for school libraries, elective programs, fine arts and athletics.

At least part of the problem is no fault of the district. All over the Bay Area people feel the pinch of rising cost-of-living expenses, and Albany is no different. New teachers enter at about \$34,000, reaching about \$45,000 after 10 years, and \$61,000 at the top of the scale. "Being in the Bay Area exacerbates (the problem)," said DePasquale. "I see new teachers scrambling just to pay their rent."

DePasquale guesses that anywhere between 50 and 100 teachers show up to protest the district's proposal when the board meets Tuesday. "People are going to get up and voice dissatisfaction, put pressure on them to settle," he said.

The sides will sit down at the negotiating table again on Nov. 14 in hopes of reaching a settlement. Otherwise, the negotiating stage would simply be prolonged. "That's not

Officials say body is missing Albany man

A body found last week on the shoreline has been identified as a 66-year-old Albany man.

The man apparently jumped off the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge on Sept. 11, according to a California Highway Patrol report. A utility worker found the body Wednesday off the Point Isabel Regional Shoreline.

The body was not easily identified because of the amount of time it had been in the water.

CHP officers found the man abandoned on the bridge but did not know the owner's identity until Sept. 29, when his ex-wife reported him missing and Albany police found a suicide note in his home, the man said.

EC Homecoming Parade is next Friday at 1 p.m.

EL CERRITO — Next Friday is Homecoming Day at El Cerrito High School, with a parade and homecoming football game capping a week of activities.

The parade begins at 1 p.m. in front of ECHS.

The theme for this year's homecoming is board games. Each class picked a board game which their float will reflect. The seniors chose Monopoly, the juniors took Candy Land, the sophomore class is doing Operation and the freshmen are depicting the game of Life.

The football game itself is at 7:30

p.m. vs. Alameda and will halftime celebration floats and royalty.

Learn to use emergency communications equipment Oct. 21

KENSINGTON — Several emergency communication centers have been equipped in Kensington and El Cerrito to be used when regular communication systems are inoperative. Residents will have the opportunity to learn to use the radio equipment at these centers to relay messages during a disaster. No license or prior training is needed.

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THE NEWLY LISTED HOME AT 4253 Edge Drive, right, features a deep terraced back yard, above, that is filled with flowers and fruit trees.

A 21st century home in the Oakland hills

BETTER HOMES

Buyers visiting the newly listed home at 4253 Edge Drive in Oakland will see many of the same charming features that draw people to the Oakmore neighborhood in the Oakland hills: pristine hardwood floors, large picture windows looking out onto city lights, a beautiful old marble fireplace and a deep terraced back yard filled with flowers and fruit trees.

What they won't expect is what makes this house unique — a state-of-the-art network of computer lines and terminals, which extends to nearly every room of the house.

When the current owners, Steve and Jennifer Wensel, moved in five years ago, they were planning to start a family, and

the house offered what they were looking for: three bedrooms, two baths, a quiet cul-de-sac in one of Oakland's nicest neighborhoods — and Montclair schools.

But most exciting were the possibilities in three large bonus rooms on the lower two levels. These partially finished rooms, together comprising over 600 square feet, offered the opportunity to build an extensive network for computer and media-room use. At the time, Steve was working for computer industry pace-setter Ascent Technology, and materials were available through Ascent at very reasonable cost, so he went to work

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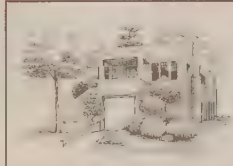
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wisdom suggests that you should never buy the first house you see. Finding what seems to be the right house too fast can be just as worrying as searching interminably.

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Real Estate Forum



By Dian Hymer

ket, you may find that homes similar to the one you're considering are few and far between. If so, you should probably go ahead and make an offer. You may find, however, that there are plenty of other homes that would work, or that homes like the one you're considering come up for sale fairly frequently. In this case, you might want to wait and do some more looking.

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Some buyers continue to look at homes for sale even after they are in contract to buy a home to make sure that they aren't missing out on a home they might like better. But be aware that you could lose your deposit if you back out of a contract simply because you find another home to buy.

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Electrical panels at the front and inside the house were replaced, and all downspouts were connected to drains that run to the back of the garden.

The large, deep garden is one of the house's highlights, with room for a patio, tire swing, hammock, vegetable and flower beds and 11 fruit trees.

The garden backs up to the large back yards of neighbors to create a surprising green belt behind busy Leimert Boulevard.

With all these major improvements, the Wensels expected in the home for many years to come. But recently Steve's current employer invited him to open a new office in the Russian River area, this as an opportunity for two young sons to attend college.

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Mortgage rates flat, Freddie Mac says

McLean, VA – The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 7.84 percent, with an average cost of 1 point (1 percent of the loan amount), for the week ending October 13, according to Freddie Mac. This bellwether rate is almost unchanged from last week's average of 7.83 percent. This time last year, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 7.85 percent.

The average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages is 7.52 percent this week, with an average cost of 1 point, up 2 basis points from last week's average of 7.50 percent. A year ago, the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 7.45 percent.

The rate for one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 7.23 percent this week, with an average cost of 1 point, up very slightly from last week's average of 7.21 percent. This time last year, the 1-year ARM averaged 6.31 percent.

"Although the economy appears to be reacting slowly to previous rate hikes, inflation remains under control," said Robert Van Order, chief economist for Freddie Mac. "And there are no real scary numbers being reported, so there is little or no pressure on mortgage rates. In fact, the housing industry continues to flourish. Actually, the housing sector is so healthy it may well be the second highest in history for housing sales."

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Seniors teach a lesson we all need to keep in our hearts

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We met Isabel many months ago when she said the house that she and her husband had bought 60 years before. Alone now, she had made the decision to move close to her sister and her husband, Ann and Bud.

But first the accumulation of possessions in Isabel's house had to be dealt with. It was a lot of Isabel knew this — and yet, she didn't. Her main worry at the time was what to do with the contents of her husband's several workshops. Neatly organized but extensive tools and machinery, saws, an old treadle sewing machine and much, much more filled the large basement, garage and shed.

We looked at it and said, "Wow," and we were only looking at the first layer. So many more things were stored in cupboards and drawers and under workbenches.

Isabel and friends contacted people who buy tools. Family members selected items they were organized. Finally a sale was organized, and over a weekend, a lot of things were purchased and removed. But much remained.

For many days, Isabel and Ann and Bud sorted through and boxed what would be given to charity. They hired a hauler to take more away.

It was about this time that Isabel's niece, Nina, came from her home in Oregon to help.

Thank goodness for Nina who threw her able self into assisting her aunt in every way she could. For six weeks, Nina directed the action. Closets were gone through, things tossed and recycled.

China was packed, antiques were set aside for family. Together, Nina and Isabel looked at all of the Christmas decorations, sheets and towels, pots and baking pans. Bud and Ann, as always, helped too.

When we put the house on the market, it looked tidy and relatively spare. There was a lot of interest in the house and it was sold to a young couple who would allow Isabel some time after the sale closed to finish packing and moving.

As Ann and Bud live in a trailer park in Union City, Isabel had arranged for a space there and had made a deposit on a new manufactured home (which, we learned, is what "trailers" are called these days).

Isabel showed us the floor plan;

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this "trailer" was large: two bedrooms and a plus room, large kitchen, two baths. She got to choose the paint and counter colors and carpets. If only it was ready when the salesman

Neatly organized but extensive, tools and machinery, hoists and saws, an old treadle sewing machine and much, much more filled the large basement, garage and shed.

promised, everything would go smoothly.

It wasn't ready. "It will be soon," Isabel was told a number of times, but it took so long that in the end, Isabel was going to have her belongings moved into storage. She'd keep some of her clothes and other things with her and stay with Ann and Bud until she could take possession of her new home.

The movers came and took all of the furniture, lamps, bedding, boxes of belongings to storage. That afternoon we went by Isabel's to see how she was doing. The plan was to clear out the house completely the next day.

Ann and Bud were there and we asked who was going to box up and move the rest of the stuff. "We are," they chimed, smiling.

Many things remained in the kitchen. Just in case they wanted to prepare a meal there, they'd kept out a few dishes, some pots and pans, knives and the like.

There was still quite an assortment of packaged foods in the cupboards, the refrigerator was fairly full, the freezer jammed.

In her sewing room, Isabel's sewing patterns, threads and scissors, some old magazines she was saving, and the entire contents of her desk remained. In every closet there were still a few things: ex-

tension cords, throw rugs, hats and clothes, laundry basket.

The living and dining room drapes still hung at the windows. They were to be taken down and put somewhere until Isabel could use them again. The basement too still held brooms and rags, rakes — miscellaneous items.

We offered, while we were there, to take down the drapes. Isabel went off to find some strips of cloth to tie the pleats together. Bud was busy rehanging a gate that the movers had removed.

Ann packed sewing supplies. Between us, we got the drapes tied neatly and hung over hangers. They were bulky and would take up a lot of space in Bud's car.

These dear people are all three in their 70s and 80s. Cheerful and willing though they are, we were becoming alarmed that they were not up to their task.

We asked how were they planning to transport themselves and everything else to Union City? They said they'd have to make a couple of trips.

"We think you should consider renting a truck," we said.

And, we added that it would be a good idea to call another of Isabel's nieces who had kindly offered her time.

Moving is just so big. Everyone, regardless of age or how many times they've moved, seems to underestimate what is involved. There was still so much to deal with in Isabel's house.

We could see that it was going to take a lot of time, a lot of carrying, a lot of space to get all that remained out of the house.

To their great credit, all three of these sweet people were still perky and smiling. They were sure everything would be fine.

But Bud did rent a truck the next day and the niece came with her van. Still, by the time they got to the foil-wrapped packages in the freezer, three vehicles were filled to capacity.

They had made their deadline! They were very tired indeed and, I suppose, they still needed to stash the frozen food before crawling into bed. Unloading the truck could wait.

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Appraisers under pressure

The residential appraisal is the fourth corner on the building block of loan approval. To qualify for a loan, the borrower must demonstrate adequate income, assets, credit and property value. With prices soaring in the Bay Area, local appraisers are constantly pressured to "hit the sales

are required to conform to the requirements of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP). The Conduct section of the Ethics Rule in USPAP states:

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By Karen Senzig

the borrower believes the property value is during a refinance as a starting point only. They notify us at once when the value is out of line and will decline the job.

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The format is very concise and adjustments (between the subject property and the sales comparables) must be limited within a degree that is acceptable to the lender.

Another performer of Mortgage Madness is the appraiser. They are a key element to making the entire production come together and stay legal in the process.

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With prices soaring in the Bay Area, local appraisers are constantly pressured to "hit the sales price" or meet the value requested for a refinance. The appraisal can often "make or break" a deal.

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Although the Mortgage Broker may not intend to be creating a problem for the appraiser, he or she may be unaware that just by accepting the assignment under those conditions, the appraiser is at risk for disciplinary action against his or her license.

According to the Fall 2000 Real Estate Bulletin (the Official Publication of the California Department of Real Estate), "All licensed appraisers

clusions. In addition, each appraisal report must contain a certification signed by the appraiser, stating that his or her compensation for completing the assignment is not contingent upon the development or reporting of a predetermined value or direction in value that favors the cause of the client."

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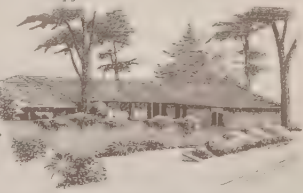
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Bernard Maybeck's rich legacy

Part two of three

In last week's column, I described the guiding philosophy of Bernard Maybeck's career in architecture and defined the "nature-based" principles of the movement he founded, which has come to be known as the First Bay Tradition. Now, we shall explore some of the outstanding East Bay examples of his work during the first twenty years of his career.

After Maybeck designed a home and studio for his friend Charles Keeler in 1895 in the North Berkeley Hills, his reputation began to grow and he received many new commissions. One of the first was the Town and Gown Club, at 2401 Dwight Way at Dana Street in Berkeley's South Campus area. This was a meeting facility for a private social club that brought together members of the UC faculty and the community.

First Bay Tradition masterpiece

Maybeck designed the Town and Gown Club in 1899, and today it stands as a registered Berkeley city landmark. This is Maybeck's second oldest design in the East Bay, and a masterpiece of the First Bay Tradition. It's walls are sheathed in brown shingles (which were recently restored) and the cantilevered hipped roof is supported by projecting "outrigger bracketing." This technique is similar to that used in many of the modern, architect-designed homes built in the Berkeley hills over the past 25 years.

Another early Maybeck design in Berkeley's South Campus area is the Gifford McGrew House, at 2601 Derby at Hillegass Avenue. Covered with wooden shingles, this three-story residence was designed in 1900. The most distinctive feature of the McGrew House is its steeply pitched roofline. Maybeck used this feature of many of his early residential designs, which he called his "Gothic Houses." He had seen such rooflines on Medieval homes in Europe when he was a student at the École des Beaux Arts in Paris.

Nearby stands one of Maybeck's early Gothic Houses, the Professor Hiram D. Kellogg House, at 2906 Linden St. The home was designed in 1902, and originally stood on Regent Street in Berkeley, and was moved to its current site in the 1960s. The Kellogg House has one of the first residential skylights ever used in the Bay Area, on the upper part of the front gabled roofline.

Julia Morgan

While Maybeck was working on these early commissions, his ca-

UC Berkeley History



By Mark A. Wilson

reer as a UC Berkeley architecture professor was also advancing. In one of his very first "descriptive geometry" (i.e., architectural drafting classes) he had a young female student from Oakland named Julia Morgan.

Miss Morgan was such an outstanding student, that Maybeck encouraged her to try to become an architect, a profession that was almost entirely limited to men at that time in history. Maybeck hired Morgan to work as a draftsman in his architecture office after she had graduated as the first female to receive an engineering degree at UC Berkeley.

After she had worked for him for a few years, Maybeck also encouraged Morgan to apply to the architecture program at the École des Beaux Arts, where she became the first female to get a degree in architecture there in 1902. When she returned to the United States, Morgan stayed lifelong friends with Maybeck, sometimes even collaborating on architectural projects with him.

Maybeck and Cal

At the end of the 19th century, the UC Berkeley campus was still an undeveloped, sylvan, park-like setting. In 1898, Phoebe Hearst (who took on the role of "patron saint" of the Berkeley campus) sponsored an international competition to design a master plan for the UC Berkeley campus.

Maybeck was chosen to head the panel of judges for this competition. A total of 800 designs were submitted from all over the world (including one by Maybeck). The winning design was by an architect named Bernard from France. When he declined the position of head of the head of the newly formed architecture department at Berkeley, the position went to John Galen Howard, of New York. And although his design didn't win the competition, Maybeck's nature-based philosophy did influence the design of many of Howard's buildings on campus, such as Northgate Hall and the Naval Architecture Building.

Maybeck did design one major building on campus himself, the

Men's Faculty Club. It was begun in 1902, and his part of the complex was completed in 1903. Later wings were designed by John Galen Howard in 1904, and Warren Perry in 1914 and 1925.

Nestled comfortably in the Faculty Glade overlooking Strawberry Creek, Maybeck's original wing has a concrete Mission Revival arcade on the exterior. Inside, there is a rustic, open-beamed dining hall, with a baronial fireplace at one end, a typical feature of Maybeck's throughout his career.

A mile or so to the north stands another clubhouse designed by Maybeck, the Hillside Club at 2286 Cedar St. Originally designed in 1906, it was restored after the 1923 Berkeley Fire by Maybeck's son-in-law, Mark White. Much of the current interior, including the massive beamed ceiling and baronial fireplace, was borrowed from Maybeck's original design.

The Hillside Club was a private group of aesthetically-minded citizens, (including Maybeck and his wife, as well as John Galen Howard) who were dedicated to spreading their high ideals of art and beauty. Maybeck designed their clubhouse in a sophisticated version of the brown shingled First Bay Tradition mode, which makes it blend in beautifully with its redwood trees that dominate its natural surroundings.

Christian Science Church

Back in the South Campus area, in 1910 Maybeck was given the commission to design a new First Christian Science of Berkeley, to replace an earlier one that had burned down on the same site. Completed in 1912, the church stands today at the corner of Dwight Way and Bowditch.

As described in my last column, the Christian Science Church combines elements of six architectural styles in such harmony that it creates a total effect of transcendent beauty. An official Berkeley city landmark on the National Register of Historic Places, many consider this Maybeck's masterpiece.

One superb example of Maybeck's ability to integrate disparate stylistic elements and materials is the way he "fire-proofed" the building, which was a requirement of this commission. Maybeck used asbestos paneling on the upper walls, but disguised it with red, diamond-shaped ornaments that blend in perfectly with the aesthetic character of the overall design.

Maybeck's palace

The most famous design of Maybeck's entire career came at the end of this early period. In 1914, he was assigned the task of

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In next week's column, I will describe some of Bernard Maybeck's outstanding designs from the later 30 years of his career. Then, we will explore the lasting legacy of this innovative designer on Bay Area architecture.

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Strong housing market expected

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS
WASHINGTON (Oct. 11, 2000) - The housing market has made a very good comeback following some weaknesses earlier this year, and is expected to remain strong, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Dr. David Lereah, NAR's chief economist, said home sales and construction have recovered from higher interest rates in the spring, which resulted from tightening moves by the Federal Reserve Board.

"In particular, existing-home sales rebounded from a sharp decline in July and appear to be stabilizing. However, the market is still dependent on the future direction of interest rates," Lereah said.

NAR expects existing-home sales to drop 4.2 percent from 5.20 million sales in 1999 to about 4.98 million sales this year.

rection of interest rates." Looking ahead, Lereah concedes housing is vulnerable to the impact of higher energy prices and a more volatile stock market.

"Higher fuel prices could result in inflationary pressure, which could lead to higher interest rates, and continued volatility in the stock market can readily affect consumer confidence. Housing activity remains strong, but the current market is still off from the high due to a softer economy and a more modest demand for housing," Lereah said.

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TRIALS NO TRICKS

The Berkeley Association of Real-
tors members are invited to attend
"Give For Treat Night". The event is

a benefit for the homeless. It will be
held on Friday, October 27th from 4
p.m. to 8 p.m. Costumes are en-
couraged, but not required. Co-chairs
for the event are Linda Sonabend
and Jan Benner, both of Placer Title
Company. For more information on
this boo-tiful Boo-keley benefit call
the B.A.R. at 510-848-4288.

PERSONAL PERFORMANCE

The Women's Council of Realtors
East Bay Chapter will be holding their
next meeting on Friday, Novem-
ber 17th at 11:30 a.m. His Lord-
ship's at the Berkeley Marina will be
the location.

The featured speaker will Joann
Fossland, who lectures around the
country for the national WCR. Fos-
sland's presentation will focus on
personal coaching for entrepreneurs
and business owners.

She hails from Arizona and is a
certified Behavioral Coach. Admis-
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For reservations or information
call WCR President Denise Sonnier
at 510-521-6083 or Vice President
Ramona Chang at 510-482-3800.

LUNCH AND LEARN

The Berkeley Association of Re-
altors are holding a bi-monthly net-
working luncheon. Timely topic
speakers are the focal point. The Oc-
tober and November meetings are
sponsored by New Century Title
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Branch. NCT sponsors include
Marketing Representative Lucy
Grecco and Escrow Officers Sonja
Harrell and Linda Cook.

The next meeting will be on
Wednesday, October 25th. For more
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WHO'S ON FIRST?

Darrell Harrison, Vice President
of New Century Title Company an-
nounced a new addition to the com-
pany. Gerry Pfior will join the Oak-
land branch as a Marketing
Representative.

Pfior brings 17 years experience

in the industry and is well known in
the Oakland area.

The Oakland branch of NCT has
a new location on Harrison Street,
in the Plaza Building. For more in-
formation call 510-251-7434.

Senior Loan Consultant Denise
Sonnier has completed a consulting
assignment with Ryland Homes. She
has decided to, once again, hang her
hat with Gallagher & Lindsey in
Alameda.

In addition, she is the 2000 Presi-
dent of the Women's Council of Re-
altors East Bay Chapter. To reach
Sonnier call 510-521-6083.

Roger Holly, Mortgage Loan Spe-
cialist with First Security Loan has
opened a new office in Oakland. In-
volved in the real estate industry
since 1991, Holly decided 2000 was
the year to "take the helm" and open
a branch close to the majority of his
clients. The office is located in the
Diamond-Fruitvale District on

MacArthur Boulevard. Holly can be
reached at 510-482-6600.

Marilyn Pursley and Kathryn Hill,
co-brokers of Thornwall Properties
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group.

Mary Canavan, Carol Parkinson
and Toba Schwartz, all experienced
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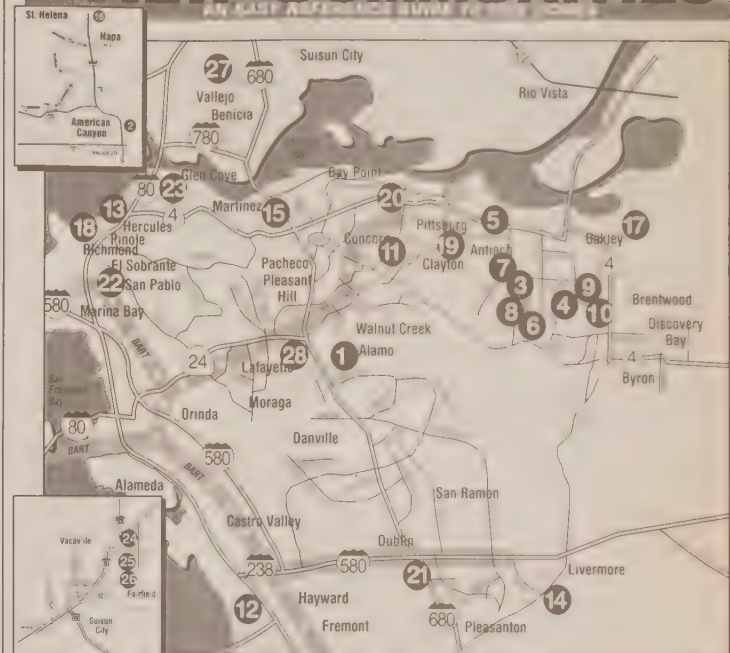
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That seemingly docile mildew pops up just about everywhere

First there was nuclear waste, then came contaminated ground water. Polluted streams, rivers with fewer fish and oceans with oil slicks followed. There's radon, carbon monoxide gas and more.

Inside pollutants can be almost as dangerous as any of the others that we just mentioned.

Mildew might seem like a docile organism to some, but for many, it has a number of consequences. An allergic reaction to mildew spores can result in an extended hospital visit.

At best, mildew is a nuisance. So, with that in mind, here is our old standby formula with a few new twists. But, first a bit about where the black, fuzzy stuff comes from.

The breeding ground

Mildew and mold spores are everywhere. And your home can be a primary breeding ground. Condensation and humidity are the culprits. If you live in a humid area, you are destined to have mildew.

That's because humid air causes damp surfaces, and that is exactly where mildew settles. In other climates where the relative humidity is lower, there is still a chance of

growth. Condensation can occur in the desert, perhaps not to the same extent as in the Florida Keys or in New Orleans, but it can occur anywhere. And where there is moisture



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On the House

ture in the air or on ceilings and walls — or even in walls and ceilings and below floors — mildew can, and usually does, settle in.

One can battle mildew by eliminating the feeding ground. Keep the house dry and mildew will not find a damp surface upon which to grow.

You keep the house dry by circulating the air; by exhausting damp air in bathrooms, at the stove and in the laundry or wherever water vapors appear. In that way, condensation can't occur. Opening windows after a shower helps as well.

Removing mold and mildew

Molds can be a health hazard. Once inside walls and carpets, they aren't easily cleaned.

How to control the problem:

Decrease dampness; increase air circulation. Use exhaust fans while cooking and bathing. Clean evaporation trays in air conditioners and dehumidifiers. Clean and dry water-damaged carpeting immediately. In closets, install louvered doors and replace wooden shelving with wire racks. Keep basements cool and dry. Repair leaking faucets.

To remove most molds and mildews:

Commercial cleaners are available, but when using bleach, open windows and wear gloves. Follow directions on the packaging and read labels on clothing that needs cleaning.

In the bathroom	1 1/2 cups bleach mixed with 1 gallon water
On clothing	2 tablespoons bleach to 1 quart of water or soap and water
On painted surfaces	1 1/2 cups bleach mixed with 1 gallon water, stir in 1/3 cup of powdered laundry detergent
Wood, plastic, plaster, metals	Vinegar and as much borax as will dissolve

What to do

Homeowners should try to prevent the growth of mold. Here are suggestions from experts:

- ✓ Ventilate kitchens and bathrooms to the outdoors with fans.
- ✓ Room units are more prone to grow mold because they use a stagnant basin of water, while central humidifiers operate with a continual stream of fresh water.
- ✓ Open windows in the bathroom and other moist rooms.
- ✓ Empty the condensate collection trays under dehumidifiers, air conditioners, and refrigerators frequently.
- ✓ Wipe walls where mold is growing with a solution of one part bleach mixed with four parts water.
- ✓ Thoroughly clean or replace water damaged things.
- ✓ Maintain humidifiers properly, especially if you use room units.

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Less costly remedies

In very humid areas, a dehumidifier is a must. But, if you have a portable one, be sure to empty the drain pan. Also, don't forget the drain pans in your air conditioner and refrigerator. Swamp coolers work best in extremely arid locations. If you live in a warm humid climate and you have a swamp cooler, you can count on having mildew and mold year-round.

As promised, here's our famous all-purpose mildew cleaning formula and some alternatives (these cleaning concoctions cost only about a 1/10 of the price of commercial mildew cleaners):

■ For outdoor mildew removal, mix 1 quart of liquid chlorine bleach and 1/2 cup of powdered laundry detergent into 3 quarts of hot water. Stir until thoroughly mixed, and place in a spray bottle.

■ For counters, shower walls and for the bathroom in general, use 1 1/2 cups of bleach mixed with 1 gallon of water.

■ For mildewed clothing, use 2 tablespoons of bleach in 1 quart of water (we prefer soapy water). Be sure the fabric is colorfast.

■ On painted surfaces you can use the outdoor formula. However, you might have sensitive paint. If so, use 1 1/2 cups of bleach and 1/2 cup of powdered laundry detergent in 1 gallon of hot water.

■ For wood, plaster, plastic and metal surfaces — indoors or out — mix vinegar with borax. What a cleaner. Mix as much borax into the vinegar as you can. Keep mixing until the borax will no longer dissolve. Scrub this onto the surface and watch it get clean.

Tip: If you go to a janitorial supply store to get your spray bottle, you will be in for a surprise. The bottles and sprayers are sold separately. It's the same spray unit, except that with the shorter bottles the drawtube on the sprayer is cut shorter. The bottles in the janitorial supply store are a little bit sturdier



A third dimension

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than the ones you find at the grocer or at the hardware store. The big surprise is when the bottle is filled and you start squirting. It's amazing. You can set a janitorial grade sprayer to hit a spot from across the room.

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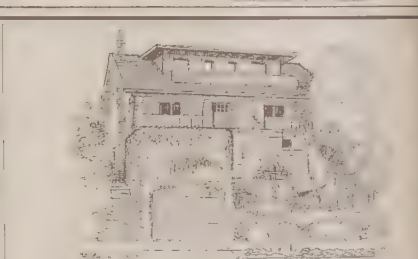
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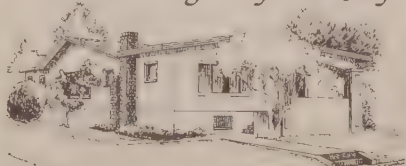
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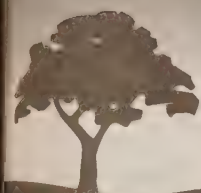
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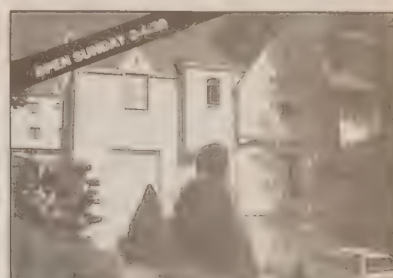
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You are thinking of remodeling. Why? You need more space, or the kitchen or bathroom is falling apart. Maybe the way the house was originally laid out no longer serves your family's needs. Maybe the roof is falling apart and since that has to be worked on, it makes sense to do some other things. Never having remodeled before you have very little idea of what is involved. How does the whole process work? What comes first? What about permits? How much is it going to cost? How do all the decisions get made?

If you want to remodel your kitchen, does that mean that you live without one for several months? And the bathroom is the only one in the house. What do you do while it is being remodeled?

You have heard all the horror stories. The project that never ends. The contractor who doesn't show up. The key item ordered long ago is finally delivered broken.

Success in any journey depends on taking one step at a time. Here are some of the key points to keep in mind as you move through the process of planning the remodel and then getting the work done (without you going crazy in the meantime!).

Make a wish list

To help get a handle on exactly what problems the successful remodel will solve start making your wish list. List all the problems that you experience with your house on a day-to-day basis. If you are considering working on more than one room keep a separate list for each room.

For example, note the lack of good reading light where you want it or that the tile is falling off the shower surround. While preparing the wish list read "shelter" magazines, such as House and Garden. Use Post-its and make notes about

what you like and don't like. Show pictures from the magazines to your design professional to help him get it right the first time.

With this list you and the professionals you work with can be sure of the completed remodel solving the problems you had with your home.

Is this the right thing to do?

As part of deciding on the feasibility of remodeling look at homes currently on the market. See if you can buy a home that is already in good shape and laid out the way you. It is certainly a lot easier to do this than go through all the hassle and work that a remodel entails!

If you really like your location and/or other characteristics that are a part of where you live now moving might not be realistic. However, checking on homes on the market and what they sell for will help you decide if making the needed investment in your home is wise.

Who should do my project?

Finding the right professionals to help you get your remodel done is one of the most important parts of the process. How can you locate these people? Ask friends or neighbors who have remodeled for the names of the people with whom they worked. Getting referrals such as these is very good. You benefit from other people's experiences, both good and bad. Also ask at lumber yards and talk to real estate agents.

With some names in hand start interviewing by phone with a written list of questions. That way you are sure of getting the same information from everybody with whom you speak. Call the list, deciding with whom you will have face-to-face interviews. Have the interviews at your home, in your territory.

Ask for references. Then check the references. This is very important because you will learn things

you could otherwise only learn by contracting with someone!

Like a second job

From the beginning of the planning process to completion of the remodeling you will feel like you are working a second job. The energy and attention that a remodeling project requires from all involved, including the client, is hard to imagine. It is not overwhelming. But it is important for you to realize that there is much more required on your part than simply paying the bills.

If you are part of a couple, designate one person as the contact for the benefit of your contractor. This makes it simpler and reduces the risk of confusion or miscommunication.

Establish a regular meeting time with your contractor. Keep notes between meetings. If an item is brought up, address who is going to do what by when and who is responsible for the cost. With these concerns clearly addressed it will be less likely that the end of the job will involve discussions about why something happened.

These are some of the things you want to keep in mind as you consider remodeling your home. There are many more points that are worth addressing. Remember, the best planned project with always entail surprises. If you have put together a good team and done your homework well you can work through them to create the remodel of your dreams. Good luck!

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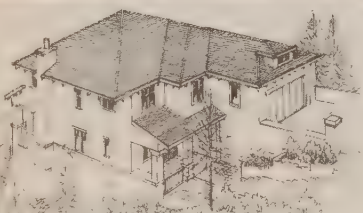
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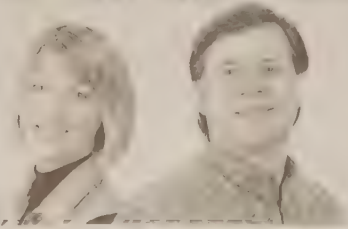
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Artistic, warm and sophisticated with an open floor plan and magnificent views. More than 1/2 acre surrounded by undeveloped, protected land. Dramatic twenty foot ceilings and walls of glass open to the serene setting, decks and oversized pool. Features three bedrooms, cook's kitchen, family room, three plus baths and hardwood floors

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25 Shawnee Ct......\$649,000
Hillcrest Highlands. Beyond Perfect! Whatever you imagine, this stunning 3+BD/3BA level-in custom contemporary will exceed your expectations. Private.
Open 1 - 4 p.m. **Fritz Hochstetler**



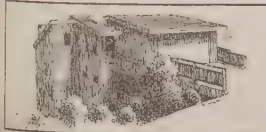
857 Sunnyhills Rd......\$749,000
Crocker Highlands. Enjoy privacy & great indoor-outdoor living in this extensively renovated English-style home, 3+BD/3BA, level lot. Open 2 - 4:30 p.m. **Dian Hymet**

FIRST OPEN

755 Mandana Blvd. At Paloma.....\$499,000
Lakeshore/Crocker. Newly Listed. Pride of ownership plus charm awaits buyer. 3BD/1+BA, updated kitchen, FDR, FP, gleaming hardwoods, garage & garden. Open 1 - 4 p.m. **Pat Whittingslow**

7548 Circle Hill Dr......\$175,000
Oakland. Cute, Cute, Cute. Fabulous starter in great neighborhood. This bright, sunny home sits on over 9,000 sq. ft. fenced lot & ready to move in. Open 2 - 4:30 p.m. **Nader Davari**

OPEN SUNDAY



6885 Oakwood Dr......\$510,000
Montclair. Space to spare. Spacious contemporary, 4+BD/3.5BA, soaring ceilings main level. New carpet, vinyl, office.
Open 2 - 4:30 p.m. **Nancy Dickey**



3100 Sylvan Ave......\$319,000
Laurel. Lovingly cared for! One level living. Updated kit. designed and spacious enough to accommodate 2 or more cooks and guests. Great yard/garden. 2BD/1BA. Open 1 - 4 p.m. **Phyllis Wherry**

BY APPOINTMENT



Lakeshore.....\$459,000
Charming traditional w/updates. Fabulous natural light 2-3D/1BA, bonus room w/separate entry. Large yard, close to shops. **Karen Lum**



Kensington.....\$405,000
Santa Fe Retreat. Light & sunny, this wonderful Mediterranean bungalow has a private, serene feel. Stately living room, FDR, large kitchen & garden. **Adrienne Broché**

Piedmont Ave. Area.....\$2,600,000
Turn-of-the-century charm & gardens. Property includes 3 houses + a rose-gardened lot. Zoned R-70. **Jack Brennenman**

Laurel.....\$329,000
Newly remodeled & updated 2BD/1BA home with newer cook's kitchen, updated BA with Jacuzzi-style tub & gleaming hardwood floors. **Michael Thompson**

Spanish Bungalows.....\$625,000
Five 2-BD cottages, all w/garages, some w/tpis, some w/bkys. **Victor Fierro**

Montclair.....\$469,000
3 View Lots. Investment opportunity area of million dollar homes. **David Eckert**

Berkeley.....\$575,000
Updated 4-plex w/newer roofs, kitchens & baths. Security gate plus parking and 2 laundry rooms. Walk to BART. Live in one & collect over \$2,500 rent. **Nader Davari**

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OAKLAND HILLS.....\$1,199,000
5+ Acre Retreat. Bay views, throughout, 4BD/2.5BA, gourmet kitchen/family room combo, master suite, level yards, pool, hot tub, decks, patio. Horses allowed. Light & airy. **Jack Brennenman**



2301 MASTLANDS.....\$975,000
It is all here! Stunning contemporary with 2 bridges & SF views. Awesome living room, soaring ceilings, hardwood floors, family room & more. 3BD/3.5BA, 3-car garage & more. **Open 1 - 4 p.m. Ruby Ng & Ellen Lancaster**

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IDEAL URBAN LOCATION.....\$565,000
North Berkeley beauty with 2 bedrooms, 2 baths & spacious kitchen & lower level w/studio, kitchen & bath! Walk to Solano Ave. or Gourmet Ghetto



ELEGANT 2-STORY CONDO.....\$489,000
Rare No. Berkeley one-half duplex! Gorgeous hwdw flrs, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, frplc, formal dining & EIK sp + garage. Walk to campus & Chez Panisse!

OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

BERKELEY
1080 80 1/2 Grizzly Peak.....\$995,000
Fab Bay view from home/duplex. **Bobbie Giarratana**
1105 Sutter.....\$565,000
3BR/3BA, downstairs w/sep. entrance. **Rita Zwerdling**
2389 Hilgard.....\$489,000
2 story townhouse, 2BR/2+BA **Diana Kay**

1429 Grizzly Peak.....\$549,000
3+BR/2BA in the hills. **Diane Verducci**
1000 Virginia.....\$410,000
5BR/2+BA, walk to 4th Street **Nacio Brown**
2200 Jefferson.....\$429,500
Duplex, great condition **Chris Cohn**
ALBANY
737 Jackson.....\$368,000
2BR/2BA. New kitchen, charm, detail. **Kim Cleveland**

BY APPOINTMENT

12 SUPERB BERKELEY UNITS.....\$1,900,000
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CHARMING BERKELEY DUPLEX.....\$429,500
JUST LISTED! Old world charm 1916 high ceilings, built-ins & window & molding detail. Elegant designer palette. Updated kitchens & baths, 2+ bedrooms & 2 bedroom flats. Walk to UC, BART & urban amenities.

THE MYTH AND ROMANCE OF CALIFORNIA.....\$995,000
Price reduced over \$200K. World class views from the Berkeley Hills! Take it all in: San Francisco, Bay & Golden Gate Bridge, and the vast Pacific! Unique family home built in 1949, and expanded to two farm living quarters! 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath and Great Rm upstairs. 3BR, 2BA downstairs. In this setting, daily living takes on an exciting new perspective.

BREATHTAKING ALBANY BUNGALOW.....\$425,000
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DRAMATIC VIEWS FROM EL CERRITO.....\$569,000
Sweeping bay views of bridges & Mt. Tam. Large split-level home perfect for entertaining! 3BR/3BA, 3 fireplaces family room, 2-car garage. Level entry!

ARCHITECT DESIGNED WEST BERKELEY HOME.....\$418,000
Soaring, light flooded spaces, great separation of space, built in 1979. 5 bedrooms, 2+ baths, family room, easy indoor/outdoor flow with lush gardens, 2-car garage. Walk to 4th Street shops, near BART.

GIGANTIC VIEWS FROM BERKELEY MEDITERRANEAN.....\$565,000
Spectacular bridge and Bay views! 2 bedroom Mediterranean with entertainment veranda. Designer kitchen with granite counters, cherry wood cabinets & built-in wine refrigerator. Plus a lush private yard and 2-car garage.

ALBANY REMODEL, GREAT LOCATION.....\$368,000
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 428 Lagunitas Av - \$450,000
 3225 MacArthur Bl - \$127,500
 2737 Madera Av - \$245,000
 3250 Madera Av - \$242,000
 39 Maggiora Dr - \$425,000
 762 Mandana Bl - \$550,000
 3831 Market St - \$185,000
 2148 Mastlands Dr - \$595,500
 216 Mather St - \$345,000
 5531 Merriewood Dr - \$395,000
 6155 Monadnock Wy - \$170,000
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5848 Ocean View Dr - \$747,000
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 7617 Outlook Av - \$212,000
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 403 Perkins St - \$578,000
 5721 Presley Wy - \$710,000
 2245 Ransom St - \$265,000
 6880 Saroni Dr - \$417,500
 220 Sextus Rd - \$140,000
 7237 Skyline Bl - \$659,000
 8123 Skyline Bl - \$464,500
 1297 Sunnyhills Rd - \$629,000
 4518 Tompkins Av - \$319,000
 6467 Valley View Rd - \$435,000
 50 Vancleave Wy - \$475,000
 330 Vernon St #202 - \$138,000
 3609 Victor Av - \$500,000
 7424 Weid St - \$138,000
 4221 West St - \$260,000
 3907 Whittle Av - \$311,000
 933 Wood St - \$200,000

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91 Selborne Dr - \$900,000
 70 Somerset Rd - \$980,000

RICHMOND

559 29th St - \$280,000
 450 30th St - \$182,000
 861 34th St - \$185,000
 669 37th St - \$305,000
 450 42nd St - \$210,000
 662 4th St - \$75,000
 227 8th St - \$179,000
 718 Amador St - \$174,000
 2436 Andrade Av - \$210,000
 3211 Andrade Av - \$257,000
 505 Banks Dr - \$128,000
 1347 Battery St - \$130,000
 1201 Brickyard #303 - \$342,000
 1816 Butte St - \$248,000

22 Deep Water Ct - \$313,000
 1193 Fairway Dr - \$284,000
 4817 Fall Av - \$155,000
 527 Florida Av - \$105,000
 1221 Greenway Dr - \$238,000
 1600 Hoffman Bl - \$156,000
 977 Humboldt St - \$187,000
 149 Marcus Av - \$153,500
 1201 Melville Sq #210 - \$226,000
 2868 Moran Av - \$325,000
 2618 Moyers Rd - \$216,500
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 5444 Sacramento Av - \$186,000
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Antioch
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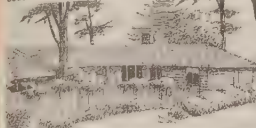
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NEW PRICE! PANO VIEW.....\$798,000
Panoramic view, beautiful custom home in San Leandro, boasts 4 master suites and a showcase family room. Don't miss the best value in this area! Sellers motivated!
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NEW LISTING MILLION DOLLAR VIEW!.....\$749,000
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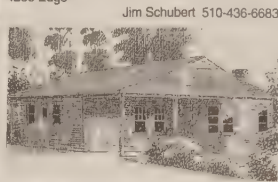
INDULGE YOURSELF.....\$749,500
This spacious and elegant family home with 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, with large family rooms, and large yards has breathtaking views, 3 fireplaces, home office space and a grand sense of privacy. You and your friends will love being here!
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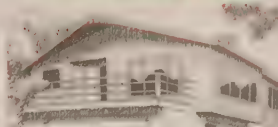
UPPER GLENVIEW HOME WITH RENTAL.....\$549,000
You'll adore this bright, spacious owners home 1 block from Piedmont - 3BR, 2BA w/ granite entry, large LR w/ fireplace, wood built-ins, recessed & track lighting, lovely new hwd flrs, & generous size rumpus room on lower level. With it comes a charming 2 bdrm rental featuring w to w carpet, more wonderful built-ins & a tasteful full bath w/ marble shower walls
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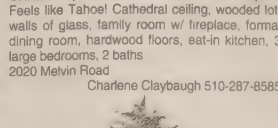
CHARMING, SPACIOUS & COMPUTER READY.....\$535,000
3 bdrms, 3 bath Oakmore beauty w/ lovely gardens, view & 600 sq. ft. of bonus space wired with DSL network. Montclair schools.
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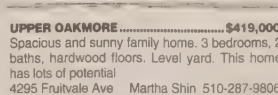
YOU'RE SURROUNDED.....\$439,000
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Spacious and sunny family home. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, hardwood floors. Level yard. This home has lots of potential
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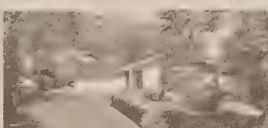


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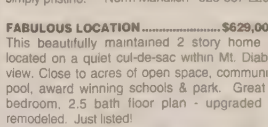
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821 Wilson Av - \$215,000
1737 Zinn St - \$340,000

SAN LEANDRO

1600 151st Av - \$282,000
1571 152nd Av - \$204,000
299 Begier Av - \$350,000
564 Broadmoor Bl - \$425,000
16157 Carolyn St - \$226,000
308 Chumalia St - \$232,000
951 Crespi Dr - \$326,000
1309 Drake Av - \$275,000
1599 Hays St - \$130,000

15057 Hesperian Bl #6 - \$155,000
929 Hoad St - \$300,000
1716 Hubbard Av - \$288,000
1799 Manor Bl - \$247,500
14286 Maracaibo Rd - \$315,000
1271 Margery Av - \$260,000
1518 Oriole Av - \$221,500
1546 Rake Ct - \$280,000
970 Ramona Wy - \$380,000
14010 Santiago Rd - \$310,000
2064 Strang Av - \$262,000
695 Tudor Rd - \$335,000
735 Valita Dr - \$251,000
2541 West Av 133rd - \$265,000
354 West Joaquin Av - \$235,000

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15669 Dermody Av - \$238,000
779 Mooney Av - \$317,000
365 Peach Dr - \$370,000
17494 Via Alamitos - \$290,000
17403 Via Carmen - \$200,000
17384 Via Chiquita - \$248,000

15901 Via Descanso - \$237,500
15967 Via Paro - \$259,000
1952 Via Sarita - \$308,000
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15854 Wagner St - \$226,500

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HIGHEST PRICE: \$510,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$375,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$381,857

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TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$240,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$421,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$275,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$306,500

DEL MAR

TOTAL SALES: 11
LOWEST PRICE: \$101,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$845,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$279,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$326,273

EL CERRILLO

TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$280,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$400,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$300,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$339,750

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$118,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$420,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$125,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$203,375

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\$250,000 3322 Deering St. Duplex Two 2 bedroom 1 bath, both with laundry room. Two cars in lower unit, new carpet. Two car garage and newer kitchen. Teri Lee (510) 814-4840.

\$225,000 14023 Seagate Dr., Gracious Seagate unit near the swimming pool! Single level lower unit with two bedrooms, 2 baths, dining area, gas fireplace in living room and inside laundry. All appliances included. Teri Lee (510) 814-4840

\$231,250 14403 OUTRIGGER DR., Single level 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo with fireplace and views of Tony Lama golf course. Inside laundry, community pool, spa, and tennis courts. Teri Lee (510) 814-4840

\$249,000 3421 Monterey Blvd. 1st Open Sun. 2-4. Perfect for 1st time buyer! Great 3 bedroom, 1 bath home! Large lot with

side yard for a boat or RV parking. Backyard great for children to play. Lots of storage space in attic. A must see! Karin Ingman Fox (510) 814-4878

\$265,000 14625 Outrigger Dr., Lovely unit on the golf course! Immaculate condition! Two bedrooms, 1 bath, dining area, fireplace in living room, and inside laundry. All appliances included. Two 1 car garages. Teri Lee (510) 814-4840

\$275,000 2519 Galleon Place, Bright 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, townhouse, freshly painted and ready to move in. A carport. Community pool and close to golf course and the restaurants. Teri Lee (510) 814-4840

\$289,000 1109 Dutton Ave. Super clean single level ranch home with 3 bedrooms, and 1.5 baths. Hardwood floors throughout, freshly painted interior, fireplace and attached garage. Great yard! Darlene Hessler (510) 814-4777

\$328,000 13925 Seagate Drive., Very Spacious 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo in wonderful location in prime area and fountain settings! Inside laundry and double garage. Call Debra (510) 814-4840

\$709,000 141 Castle Ct. Desirable Burton Valley updated home. 4bd, 2ba, hardwood floors, Berber carpet, gourmet kitchen w/granite counters, custom cabinets, Welle stone. Cul-de-sac location. Walk to school/swim club. Karin Ingman Fox (510) 814-4878

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6042 Manchester Drive \$2,375,000
Originally designed by Albert Farr & recently renovated with new state of the art amenities w/fabulous SF & Bay views. 4BR/3.5BA + au pair. Sandra Vogl

5972 Margarido Drive \$1,795,000
Views of the city capture the essence of this unparalleled new design by Mark Becker. This romantic masterpiece features elegant European spaces & gorgeous patios. Anian Tu nney

30 Wilding Lane \$795,000
Charming Rockridge traditional. Lovely living room w/ fireplace & Bay views. 4BR/2.5BA, family room and elegant gourmet kitchen. Angela Wei Grubb

420-422 Lee Street \$729,000
This Adams Point tri-plex includes a lower 2,006 sq. ft. 3BR/2BA unit w/ family room. Upper units: studio 916 sq. ft. & 1BR/1BA 1,090 sq. ft. unit. Connie Rogers

5571 Maxwellton Road \$649,000
Charming Upper Rockridge location with sweeping lawns, level back garden, formal living & dining room, 3BR/2.5BA and new kitchen. Elizabeth Dickson

115 Sonia Street \$639,000
This charming Rockridge home features a fabulous floor plan w/spacious formal rooms & beautifully landscaped grounds. 3BR/2BA plus family room. Sherry Benninger

3460 Brunell Drive \$620,000
Enjoy views from this stylish Oakland Hills contemporary. Dramatic living room. Master suite w/ luxurious bath & bonus room. Angela Wei Grubb

980 Sunnyhills Road \$599,000
Charming sun-filled home w/grand living room. Perfect indoor/outdoor living & entertaining spaces. 2+BR/1+BA, hardwood floors & French doors. Judy Cain

2616 Beaconsfield Place \$539,000
Sophisticated 1940's contemporary. 3BR/2BA. Beautifully updated kitchen, spacious level lot & 2-car attached garage. Cherie Curliano

282 Whitmore Street \$389,000
Eight unit/4 story development possibility. Currently 2 flats: 2+BR/1BA unit plus family room & 1BR/1BA unit set on a huge lot. Judy Rankankan

6365 Fairlane Drive \$1,700,000
A stunning 90's contemporary with walls of glass & open light-filled spaces. 3BR suites, home office & studio w/ separate entrance & sweeping views of the Bay. Susanne Paul

121 Hagar Ave., Piedmont \$1,195,000
Charming 1938 Monterey Colonial with fabulous views. 4BR/3.5BA, family room, gourmet kitchen and au pair quarters with separate entrance. Nancy Lehrkind

914 Aquarius Way \$1,395,000
Incredibly open & light spaces are highlighted by views of the Bay in this dramatic 4+BR/3.5BA Montclair contemporary home. Anian Tunney & Steve Michaelides

1363 Bates Road \$359,000
Charming, spacious & affordable Crocker Highlands home. 3BR/2BA, living room w/ fireplace & possible in-law/au-pair w/separate entrance. Bettina Balestrieri

4029 Webster Street \$310,000
Cute craftsman bungalow in the Temescal area. Completely updated w/3BR/1.5BA and spacious garden. New carpets & paint. Judy Rankankan

322 Hanover St.#209 \$269,000
Enjoy entertaining or simply relaxing on the expansive patio of this immaculate 2BR/2BA condominium. Great location near Lake Merritt. Debbi DiMaggio

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Piedmont with Views \$2,290,000
A spectacular home w/wonderful entertaining spaces including a pool & spacious decks. 5BR/4.5BA, family room & rumpus w/wet bar & fireplace. Jeanette Roach

Upper Rockridge Estate \$1,695,000
An exquisite English estate with exceptional architectural details, 5BR, level beautifully landscaped garden & gracious home office. Erika Celestre

Montclair Craftsman \$1,275,000
Elegant new construction in Montclair designed & built by Mark Becker. 3BR/2.5BA + den/office, large patio & stunning SF views. Classic Craftsman details. Kurt Buchholz

Montclair Treasure \$1,095,000
A timeless treasure designed by R.W. Jennings on a wonderful secluded half acre. Enjoy fabulous indoor/outdoor living, views and stylish interiors. Judy Cain

Crocker Highlands Tudor \$985,000
Storybook 4+BR/3.5BA English Tudor w/exceptional details. Cook's kitchen with 6 burner gas range, granite counters & stylish cherry cabinetry. Nancy Lehrkind

Stunning SF Views \$915,000
Exquisite Montclair hilltop residence with panoramic SF views, great privacy, spa, pool & cabana. A wonderful home for living and entertaining. Nancy Lehrkind

Stately Mediterranean \$725,000
Grand Mediterranean. Gracious formal rooms, beautiful staircase, high windows, updated kitchen, spacious breakfast room, 4+BR/2.5BA, pool & patio. Kurt Buchholz

Stylish Piedmont Home \$699,000
This completely level home has been totally remodeled. Wonderful open floor plan in a private setting. Master suite w/new bath, updated kitchen & patio. Kurt Buchholz

Classic Traditional \$695,000
Grand traditional w/elegant formal rooms, updated kitchen /family room, 3 fireplaces, master suite + 3BR/2BA, lower level rumpus & possible au pair. Kurt Buchholz

County Life - Montclair \$395,000
A beautifully and tastefully remodeled 2BR/2BA Montclair home. Sunny, bright & private. Large patio and a wonderful floor plan. Ed Kuo

China Hill Mediterranean \$385,000
Beautiful China Hill Mediterranean residence with grand formal rooms, 4BR/2BA plus in-law possibilities. Charming wood details throughout. Ed Kuo

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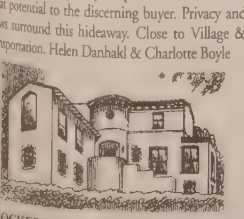
ROCKRIDGE (UPPER).....\$1,495,000
6973 CONTRA COSTA RD. Spectacular panoramic views! This 6 yr old level-in home boasts both beauty and comfort. 3 master suites, formal dining room, library, family room leading to deck. Large level landscaped front and rear yards. Dee & Joe Knowland



NORTH OAKLAND HILLS.....\$1,145,000
6920 NORFOLK DR. Fabulous contemporary with Bay and hill views. Excellent interior finishes and materials. Kitchen/family room. 4BR/2.5BA. Heavy, network wired. Large lot with level yard access. Vicki Woodhead

Piedmont Side of

MONTCLAIR.....\$675,000
2 MARSH PLACE. New Listing! Stylish 2BD/3BA contemporary in prime location offers great potential to the discerning buyer. Privacy and views surround this hideaway. Close to Village & transportation. Helen Danhaki & Charlotte Boyle



CROCKER.....\$575,000
864 SANTA RAY AVE. Sun-drenched 3+BD/3BA Mediterranean. Spacious living room w/cathedral ceilings & fireplace, rumpus room w/fireplace, FDR, and den. Jeffrey Himmel

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RIDGEMONT.....\$539,000
6230 VIEWCREST DR. All level living! Sparkling three bedroom, two and a half bath home. Eat-in kitchen/family room with French doors opens to a glorious yard with gazebo. Three car garage. Robyn Mohr



MONTCLAIR.....\$539,000
6925 SHEPHERD CANYON RD. Spacious Contemporary. 4BD/3BA, including 2 master suites. Open floor plan with family room w/FP off kitchen, formal dining room and den. Private outdoor space. Convenient hills location. Teri Carlisle

REDWOOD HEIGHTS.....\$499,000
4885 GERANIUM PL. Filtered Bay and City views from lovely 5BD/3BA O.W. Johnson home. Family room, two fireplaces and attached 2-car garage. Great neighborhood! Diane Earl McCan

GLENVIEW.....\$397,000
1124 HOLLYWOOD AVE. #4. New listing! Spacious 3BD/2BA penthouse condominium with beautiful views from most rooms. Roomy master bedroom has sliding doors to private deck. One-car garage. Ann Nichols

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OAKLAND HILLS.....\$389,000
4511 DAVENPORT AVE. New Listing! Enjoy a sweeping view of the Bay Area from this 3BD/1BA home. Two large bonus rooms, random plank hardwood floors, deck and patio overlooking terraced garden. Tom Anthony



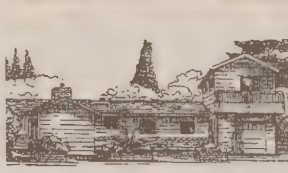
GRANDLAKE.....\$359,000
353 SANTA CLARA AVE. New Listing! Built in 1919, this wonderful 4BD/2BA Traditional reflects the architectural integrity of that era. Large lower level plus room with home office or family room potential. Convenient urban location. Teri Carlisle

TEMESCAL.....\$327,000
4124 SHAFTER AVE. Charming 2BD Mediterranean bungalow. Separate office/bonus room, large rear garden, hardwood floors, living room w/ fireplace. Close to BART and shopping. Anne Feste



CROCKER.....\$299,000
852 PALOMA AVE. Single level 1950's Ranch, needing some TLC. 3+BD/1+BA, sunny living room with fireplace, open kitchen/dining room and a large, level yard. Jeffrey Himmel

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SAN LEANDRO.....\$279,000
726 DUTTON AVE. 2+BD/2.5BA home (privately located behind 730 Dutton). Living room w/FP & beamed ceiling, spacious kitchen, DR, & fam rm (or MBR). One bedroom w/bath has separate entrance. Michelle Miller

By Appointment



MONTCLAIR.....\$1,199,000
Gorgeous new 4BD/2.5BA Craftsman with high quality workmanship, Brazilian cherry floors and cabinetry. Bay views. Dee & Joe Knowland



PIEDMONT.....\$795,000
Immaculate contemporary on a secluded, private lot. Wonderful kitchen/family room with fireplace, level-out to sunny backyard. 4BD/3BA. Tons of storage. Beautifully constructed and in move-in condition. Debi Fitzgerald

HADDON HILL.....\$389,000
3+BD/1+BA. Spacious 1910 traditional in convenient location near Lake Merritt. Beautiful fenced garden. Wood floors, new carpet/paint. 1-car detached garage. Ann Nichols

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GLENVIEW
Lovely 1919 Craftsman house in a very desirable location. Spacious all-level three bedroom floor plan with formal dining room and good sized breakfast room. Beautiful original details. Large basement and inviting level back yard. Kathleen Callahan



OAKLAND HILLS
Leonard Perillo's latest luxurious showplace was designed by Peter David Gilbert. Magnificent 4BD/3.5BA home with stunning Bay views. Quality and craftsmanship shine throughout. Exquisite! Dee & Joe Knowland



ROCKRIDGE.....\$479,000
Enjoy the view of the surrounding hills from this lovely 3BD/2BA 1920's traditional home. Many architectural details: limestone frpl, built-in bookshelves and cabinetry and hwd flrs. Level out to deck and yard. Basement with plus room. Two-car garage. Nancy Chew



OAKLAND HILLS.....\$305,000
Bay views from living room and kitchen. 4BD/2+BA. Approximately 1,600 sq ft with large unfinished basement. 2-car at'd garage. Fixer-upper with excellent upside potential. Michelle Miller

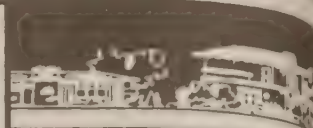
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ALAMEDA

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1015 Grand Street Plus 3 half baths Lolly Clark 925-877-3630 Alvin Prad Realty	480/2 + BA	1-4	\$998,999
248 Stanbridge Open Sat & Sun Ringo Liu 510-814-6846 Harbor Bay Realty	480/2.5BA	2-4	\$645,000
3 Captains Dr. Open Sat Chris Aubrey 510-814-8413 Harbor Bay Realty	480/2.5BA	2-4	\$825,000

1815 Lafayette Nice Quies, 510-814-8436 Harbor Bay Realty	380/1.5BA	2-4	\$499,000
1233 Regent George Williams, 510-814-4830 Harbor Bay Realty	380/1.25BA	2-4	\$459,900
3241 Bayo Vista Ave Open SAT & SUN Michael Studebaker Gallagher & Lindsey, 510-748-1128	38A/1BA	2-4	\$440,000

1370 Burbank Open SAT Sai Boring 510-814-4818 Harbor Bay Realty	280/1.5BA	2-4	\$399,000
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1081 Island Dr. Open Sun Fred Christensen 510-814-4811 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2.5BA	2-4	\$395,000
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1443 St. Charles Ct. Denise Garvin 510-814-4871 Harbor Bay Realty	380/1BA	2-4	\$390,000
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2937 Lincoln Richard Powell, 510-814-8437 Harbor Bay Realty	280/1BA	2-4	\$386,000
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2045 Eagle Ave Open SUN ONLY Signe Nelson Gallagher & Lindsey, 510-748-1103	3 - BA/BA	2-4	\$382,000
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1330 Burbank St. ASSIST 2 SELL/BEVERLEY GLEDEN CO 925-680-7772	3 Bd/1 Ba	1-4	\$350,000
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2029 Orla Dr. #H Open SAT & SUN Bill Biscuitte, Gallagher & Lindsey, 510-748-1108	38A/2BA	2-4	\$329,500
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2250 Pacific Open Sun Gregg Fujita 510-822-6222 Harbor Bay Realty	280/1BA	2-4	\$289,000
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780 Lincoln Open Sun Nancy Gordon 510-814-4815 Harbor Bay Realty	1 - 80/1BA	2-4	\$259,000
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447 Lincion Ave OPEN SUN ONLY Kitty Wan, Gallagher & Lindsey, 510-748-1128	280/1BA	2-4	\$245,000
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2042 San Jose Ave 650-581-3325 Agt. Castin & Co.	280/1.5BA	SUN, 2-4	\$399,500
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1053 Evelyn RED OAK (510) 280-2103 Marc	280/1BA	2-4	\$375,000
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BERKELEY

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
1429 Euclid North Berkeley Babe McKen, 510-852-2133 1145 Templeton Laverette	584/4BA	2-4:30	\$796,000
781 Euclid RED OAK (510) 280-2103 Marc	480/2BA	2-4	\$548,000
1905-11 Sacramento St. Homes-Link, 510-748-5300	2 UNITS	2-4:30	\$395,000

2322 Parker Dave Beemer 510-339-8230 Prudential Ca Realty	280/2BA	2-4:30	\$398,000
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1138 Channing Way Card Heath-Han 510-827-8800 Prudential Ca Realty	290/1BA	2-4	\$339,000
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2909 Ellis St. Mary Lou Loomis 510-827-8800 Prudential Ca Realty	280/1BA	2-4	\$289,000
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1237 Ordway St. RED OAK (510) 280-2103 Diane	280/1BA	2-6	\$272,000
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CONCORD

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
1800 Laguna St. #10 Debra Laman 510-339-8230 Prudential Ca Realty	280/11/3BA	2-4:30	\$140,000

EL CERRITO

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
2707 Arlington Blvd. Area Lat, 510-827-8800 Prudential Ca Realty	584/2BA	2-4	\$540,000

443 Lexington Claudia Brown, 510-827-8800 Prudential Ca Realty	4 - bd/2ba	1-4	\$499,900
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LAFAYETTE

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
3340 St Mary's Rd. The Trail George Millares 510-339-8230 Prudential Ca Realty	480/21/BA	1-4:30	\$899,000

OAKLAND

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900 Alvarado Rd. Claremont Lille Brady 510-828-5143 Prudential CA Rly	480/3BA	2-6	\$1,795,000

904 Alvarado Rd. Claremont Rayne Palmer 510-828-5143 Prudential CA Rly	480/3BA	2-6	\$1,695,000
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5873 Contra Costa Rd. Reckford Dee & Joe Knowland 510-339-8460 Pacific Union	380/BA	2-4	\$1,495,000
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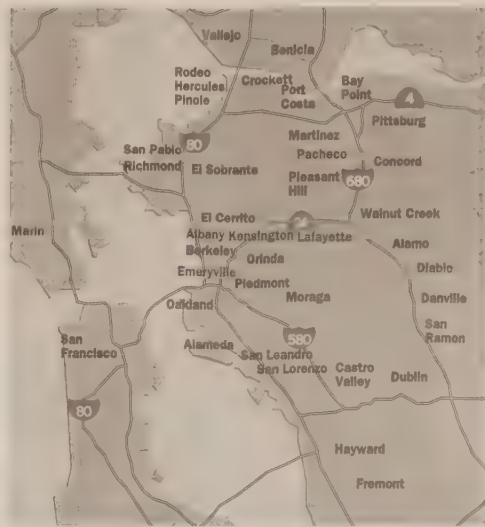
6207 Mathew Ave. Upper Rockledge Rosalee Marshall 510-428-0900 Prudential CA Rly	484/3.5BA	2-4:30	\$1,190,000
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6920 Norfolk Dr. North Oakland Hills Vicki Woodhead 510-339-8460 Pacific Union	384/3 + BA	2-4	\$1,145,000
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2301 Mastlands Rudy Kellen Lancaster 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	384/3 + BA	1-4	\$975,000
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7149 Buckingham www.Tamronhomes.com, 510-485-5313	+	2-4:30	\$889,000
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683 Carleton Ave. Crocker Dolores Thom, 510-834-2010 Prudential CA Realty	3 - bd/3ba	2-4:30	\$849,000

5933 Ross Rockledge Marylene McCalline, Montclair Better Homes, 510-287-8583	80/BA	2-4:30	\$775,000
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3577 Brunell Drive Joel Edmonson, Montclair Better Homes, 510-287-8582	380/3BA	2-4:30	\$749,500
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63 Castle Park Way Piedmont Pines Nahid Namsi, Montclair Better Homes, 510-287-8770	580/3BA	2-4:30	\$748,000
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30 Winward Hill Hiller Highlands Peter Nicolopoulos 510-339-8780 Wells & Bennett Rlts.	280/2BA	2-4:30	\$748,000
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687 Sunnyhill Rd. Crocker Highlands Dian Hymer 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	3 + Bd/3ba	2-4:30	\$748,000
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5785 Colton Blvd. Montclair Arnold Fields 510-331-7000 1241 Wells & Bennett Rlts.	580/2 + BA	2-4:30	\$675,000
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2 Marsh Place Piedmont Side Of Montclair Hilbert Mitchell & Charlotte Boyle 510-339-8460 Pacific Union	280/3ba	2-4	\$675,000
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25 Shawnee Hilbert Mitchell Fritz Hochstetler 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	484/3BA	1-4	\$659,000
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271 Capricorn Ave. Montclair Yehuda Ben-David 510-339-8230 Prudential Ca Realty	580/3BA	2-4:30	\$638,000
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3223 Kampton Ave. Richard Maltz 510-834-2010 Prudential CA Realty	3 Units	2-4:30	\$635,000
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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
2430 27th Ave. Cottages Victor Riano 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	5 Cottages	2-4:30	\$825,000

664 Santa Ray Ave. Crocker Jeffrey Hinnel 510-339-8460 Pacific Union	3 - bd/2ba	2-4	\$575,000
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4877 San Sebastian Upper Glenview Nahid Namsi, Montclair Better Homes, 510-287-8770	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$549,000
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6925 Shepherd Canyon Rd. Montclair Teri Carls 510-339-8460 Pacific Union	484/2ba	2-4	\$538,000
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6230 Viewcrest Dr. Ridgmont Helen Mole, Pacific Union, 510-339-8460	384/2.5ba	2-4	\$538,000
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4253 Edge Oakview Jim Schubert, Montclair Better Homes, 510-436-6883	380/3BA	2-4:30	\$535,000
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6885 Oakwood Dr. Montclair Nancy Dickey 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	4 + Bd/3ba	2-4:30	\$510,000
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755 Mandana Lakewood Pat Whitingslow 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	384/1 - BA	1-4	\$498,000
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4885 Geranium Pl. Redwood Heights Diane Earl McCain, 510-339-8460 Pacific Union	584/2ba	2-4	\$499,000
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4838 San Sebastian Lincoln Stan Hammond 510-331-7000/346 Wells & Bennett Rlts.	380/1BA	2-4:30	\$488,000
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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
3444 Robinson Dr. Montclair Ellie Bowden & Associates 925-838-2888	3 - bd/2ba	1:30-4:30	\$478,000

5401 Moraga RED OAK (510) 280-2167 Nancy	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$448,000
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6408 Valley View Cottage Style Home Nahid Namsi, Montclair Better Homes, 510-287-8770	80/BA	2-4:30	\$438,000
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2020 Melvin Rd. Oakland Charlotte Clayburgh, Montclair Better Homes, 510-287-8985	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$428,000
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4295 Fruitvale Ave. Upper Glenview Martha Shit, Montclair Better Homes, 510-287-8806	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$410,000
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5180 Shattuck Rockledge Betsy McCall, 510-862-2133/145 Templeton Laverette	2 - 80/1BA	2-4:30	\$415,000
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4351 Townsend Glenview Held Taggle 510-431-4654 Wells & Bennett Rlts.	380/1BA	2-4:30	\$405,000
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291 Marther 2 Units Therrell Properties 510-848-1950 1235 Nancy Foss	380/21/BA	2-4	\$388,000
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1124 Hollywood Ave #4 Glenview Ava Nichols, 510-339-8460 Pacific Union	384/2ba	2-4	\$387,500
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4511 Davenport Ave. Oakland Hills Tom Anthony, 510-339-8460 Pacific Union	384/2ba	2-4	\$388,000
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4225 Siquito Ave. Adams Point Ted Norman 510-860-5052 Prudential CA Rly	284/1BA	2-4:30	\$387,500
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1947 Elsinore Ave. Glenview Elizabeth Ray 510-831-7000 1233 Wells & Bennett Rlts.	380/1.5BA	2-4:30	\$379,000
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3850 Fruitvale Ave Oakland Arnold Mueller, Montclair Better Homes, 510-287-8677	380/21/BA	2-4:30	\$369,000
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3925 Greenwood Ave. Grandview Madelyn Mitchell 510-428-0000 Prudential CA Rly	2 - Bd/1Ba	2-6	\$369,000
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62 Terrington Ct. Oakland Hills Vicki L. 510-339-8230 Prudential Ca Realty	280/21/BA	2-4:30	\$368,000
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353 Santa Clara Ave. Terrence Teri Carls, 510-339-8460 Pacific Union	484/2ba	2-4	\$358,000
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4124 Shattuck Ave. Terrence Ava Foss, 510-339-8460 Pacific Union	284/BA	2-4	\$327,000
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3100 Sylvan Laurel Phyllis Wherry 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	284/1BA	1-4	\$319,000
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3506-3508 Suter St. Owner Unit 380/2BA Tenor 280/1BA	2-4:30	\$318,000	
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4242 Mountain Blvd. Redwood Heights CB Rose 510-339-8230 Prudential Ca Realty	280/1BA	2-4:30	\$305,000
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652 Paloma Ave. Lincoln Jeffrey Hinnel, 510-339-8460 Pacific Union	3 - bd/1ba	2-4	\$298,000
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2534 Frances St. Montclair Park Dave Daryl 510-834-2010 Prudential CA Realty	2 - 80/1BA	2-4:30	\$448,000

2720 Rhonda Diamond Thomas Andrus 510-834-2010 Prudential CA Realty	380/1BA	2-4:30	\$448,000
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2425 Frances St. Montclair Park Kato Phillips 510-436-4108 Wells & Bennett Rlts.	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$448,000
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2700 Rawson Montclair Park Kato Phillips 510-436-4108 Wells & Bennett Rlts.	480/2BA	2-4:30	\$448,000
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3136 High St. Art Wingo 510-845-8200 Prudential CA Realty	384/BA	2-4:30	\$448,000
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4838 Brookdale Montclair Park Kato Phillips 510-436-4108 Wells & Bennett Rlts.	380/1BA	2-4:30	\$448,000
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2920 Minna Ave. Lower Laurel Loree Laurs 510-834-2010 Prudential CA Realty	280/1BA	2-4:30	\$448,000
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2920 Filbert Vanessa Times Smith 510-436-4108 Wells & Bennett Rlts.	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$448,000
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5414 Hillen Felicie Owens 510-339-8230 Prudential CA Realty	380/1BA	2-4:30	\$448,000
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1434 14th St. Corde Payne 510-834-2010 Prudential CA Realty	80/2BA	2-4:30	\$448,000
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7548 Colton Hill Nadar Daniel 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	184/1ba	2-4:30	\$448,000
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3530 Brookdale 2 - 80/1BA Loree Laurs 510-834-2010 Prudential CA Realty	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$448,000
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Kevin Kennedy 510-831-7000 1235 Nancy Foss			
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195 Leford Rd. Halden Chase 510-834-2010 Prudential CA Realty	4 Bd/3 Ba	2-4:30	\$448,000

255 Park View Ave. Loree Laurs 510-834-2010 Prudential CA Realty	580/2BA	2-4:30	\$448,000
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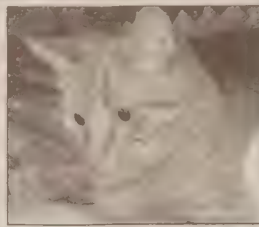
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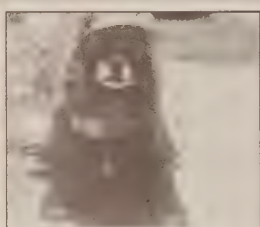
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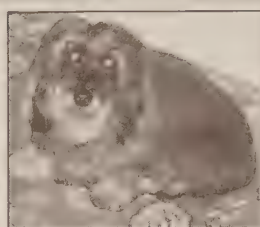
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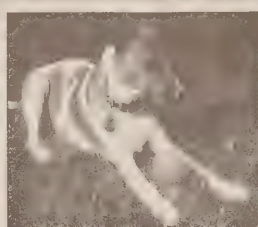
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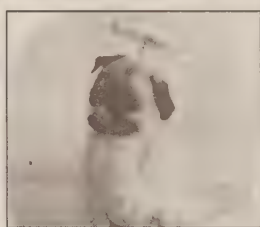
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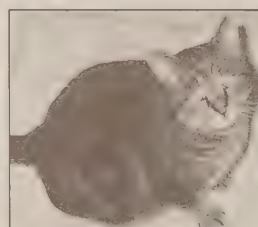
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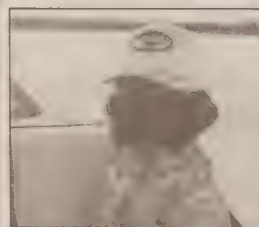
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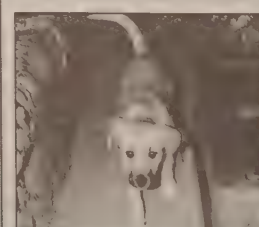
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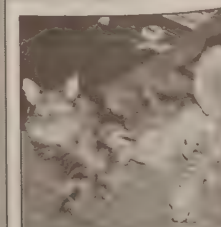
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LOWEST PRICE: \$113,000
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MEDIAN PRICE: \$ 0.00
AVERAGE PRICE: \$179,000

Kensington
TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$510,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$700,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$ 0.00
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Oakland
TOTAL SALES: 101
LOWEST PRICE: \$ 75,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$955,000

MEDIAN PRICE: \$240,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$294,762

Piedmont
TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$900,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$980,000
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Richmond
TOTAL SALES: 39
LOWEST PRICE: \$ 75,000
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San Leandro
TOTAL SALES: 24
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TOTAL SALES: 11
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AVERAGE PRICE: \$267,636

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Section C

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RON SALSIG

Range Rat

The buzz in Vallejo: softball after golf

Juli Inkster was coming to the end of her post-victory interview in the press tent at Hiddenbrooke Country Club in Vallejo last Sunday when she was asked what her schedule would be like the rest of the year.

"Well, we have a softball game at three o'clock," she said, looking down at daughters Cori and Haley. "So I guess we'd better get going."

On the way to that softball game she won the Samsung World Championship on national television, defeating Anikka Sorenstam for the second Sunday in a row. The previous Sunday was in Scotland, in singles matches at the Solheim Cup.

"But I had a four-shot lead this Sunday," Inkster said, with a wink.

When Inkster was a girl, maybe a few years older than her daughter, I remember watching her play softball in the middle of the 13th fairway at Pasatiempo Golf Course in Santa Cruz. Her family lived right off that fairway. And I remember the scandal when she married her teaching pro while still in her teens. But that marriage worked. Brian is now the head pro at Los Altos CC, and his wife, the daughter of a minor-league ball player, is still playing softball.

We left the press tent to dodge wasps for the final time. Yellow jackets swarmed the Hiddenbrooke course the whole week. I knew there was trouble from the very first day, when the food table in that press tent was completely scavenged by the flying stingers.

San Leandro's Pat Hurst was stung on the neck in the second round. Lori Kane was stung on the arm twice. Several other players were stung, but they weren't in contention. All played through.

"It just itches," Hurst said the next day. "You wonder about the gallery."

When they weren't dodging yellow jackets, spectators in Vallejo were taking a hike. This Hiddenbrooke course was not easy on those who came to watch. Many tees were a far distance from the previous green, a contemporary style of golf course architecture that will soon, hopefully, pass. Players were shuttled by golf carts to those tees on six holes, leaving the gallery in the dust, dodging insects.

Hurst and Inkster have a lot in common. Both won the U.S. Amateur (Inkster three times), and both played for San Jose State. It was odd watching Kay Cockerill do live commentary, following these two for The Golf Channel. Cockerill, a San Jose native, is also a two-time U.S. Amateur champ. But she never could quite make it on tour.

Many famous women golfers come from the Bay Area. But we had no chance to see them until recently. The LPGA Tour played at Round Hill CC in the 1970s, and at Almaden CC in the '80s. Both events were well attended, but eventually folded. After a decade of absence, the tour returned to the Bay Area last week.

And it was well attended. More than 11,000 showed up on Saturday, and 9,000 on Sunday. There would have been more on the final day, but tee times were very early. The final group teed it up at a little after 8 a.m. Inkster had a softball game to get to.

To get here, the women took the flight from hell. The Sorenstam "Who's away?" controversy was bad enough. Flying 23 hours in the same plane had to be an experience. First was the refusing stop in Newfoundland. A stop in Detroit, then Cincinnati customs was not open. So the plane went back to Detroit.

For those who have not heard of the international incident that preceded Vallejo, Sorenstam hit out of turn in her match against Pat Hurst and Kelly Robbins and was forced to re-play the shot. The first time, from off the green, she holed out a pitch shot with a wedge. The replay did not.

Sorenstam played according to the

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RAMONE REED rushed for two touchdowns and returned a punt for another as Berkeley defeated Encinal 26-19 in Alameda on Oct. 20

'Jackets make goal-line statement

Reed rushes for 116 yards, 3 TDs in win over Jets; Gauchos pound Pinole Valley

By Pete Elman
CORRESPONDENT

On a cool evening at Willie Stargell Field in Alameda, two struggling teams were looking to keep the heat on and maintain the momentum they had achieved the week before. In a closely-played ACCAL contest, the Berkeley Yellowjackets held on to defeat the Encinal Jets 26-19.

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After slow starts this season, both teams were coming off big wins, the Yellowjackets (2-4) winning their league opener 46-27 against a young DeAnza squad last week, and the Jets (2-4) crushing crosstown-rival Alameda in the Big Game, 34-7. The question was which team would be able to sustain its success. In the end it was Berkeley, behind senior halfback/linebacker Ramone Reed's three touchdowns, who prevailed.

The game was not decided until the

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very end. With the Jets on the Yellowjackets' six-yard line, first-and-goal with two minutes left on the clock and down by seven points, it seemed the game would be determined by an extra point — or two. But Berkeley's defense held fast, took over on downs, and the 'Jackets went on to win, 26-19.

The Yellowjackets have had little trouble moving the ball this year — they gained 478 yards against DeAnza — but have been inconsistent defensively. Facing a Jet team that was fresh off a huge offensive performance, Berkeley was concerned. When asked about this win, Reed was cautious in his praise but encouraged by the result.

"This week we were more focused at practice, we studied the playbook and

worked hard," he said. "But we still made a lot of mistakes out there, and we didn't win it until the very last series when our defense stepped up and showed heart."

The game started with a bang, a turnover that gave the 'Jackets an early lead. On their first series, a bad snap by the Jets led to a desperate punt by Pedro Menjivar. To his credit, Menjivar got the kick off, but the ball traveled only 10 yards — right into the arms of Reed, who ran in 20 yards untouched for a touchdown. Celia Clark's point after was good and Berkeley was ahead, 7-0.

Mental mistakes, mainly penalties, plagued both teams in the first half, and

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BERKELEY'S ANDRES GRUNBAUM is turning heads at College Prep School, where he anchors the Cougar defense as sweeper.

Work ethic driving Grunbaum to top

Berkeley resident turning heads on CPS soccer field

By Mike McGreehan
STAFF WRITER

James Brown has been called the hardest-working man in show business. We can appropriately dub Berkeley resident Andres Grunbaum, then, the James

Brown of College Prep School soccer.

Grunbaum doesn't sing or dance. At least he doesn't on the soccer field. All he does is bring a dogged determination to the pitch, where he functions as the Cougars' sweeper and captain.

"Andres Grunbaum is just as smart and gutsy as you can be back there," says College Prep coach Benji Tan. "He doesn't mind taking a ball off his chest. I think the younger guys really look up to that. They admire his courage."

Grunbaum inspires the Cougars with

his knowledge and effort. He is the team's take-charge leader, one who leads more by example than by words.

Grunbaum was clearly the main man for the Cougars in a 3-0 loss at Head-Royce on Oct. 6. Despite the seemingly lopsided score, Head-Royce only started to take command midway through the second half. The match was scoreless through the first 59 minutes, and Grunbaum played a big role in keeping the

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Panthers run past Eagles, by George

By Kurt Kloeblen
STAFF WRITER

BERKELEY — St. Mary's High School running back Trestin George returned from a one-week absence and rushed for 185 yards on 18 carries to lead the Panthers to a 53-0 trouncing of Kennedy on Saturday.

Although nobody from St. Mary's is willing to give any specifics as to why the junior missed last week's game, it didn't seem to matter against Kennedy in the Bay Shore Athletic League opener for both teams.

For the Panthers, what matters most is the contrast from the previous two weeks when they got hammered by Archbishop Riordan (28-7) and Pinole Valley (39-7).

"We corrected a lot of the problems we had last week," St. Mary's coach Dan Shaughnessy said. "We really established the line of scrimmage and did a lot of other things that we had been doing poorly."

George started the scoring midway through the first quarter with a 46-yard touchdown run on the Panthers' third possession. However, St. Mary's led just 7-0 after one quarter.

But St. Mary's (3-3) ended any further

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Taking the game to heart

What does it take to have the heart of a champion? You might ask Eric Kuhle. The De La Salle junior is back to school after breaking his neck during the Spartans' game against Marin Catholic.

Kuhle was temporarily paralyzed on the field and safely transported to John Muir Medical Center. Kuhle suffered a burst compression fracture of his sixth cervical vertebrae. The day after the game he had surgery to fuse his fifth and seventh vertebrae with a graft from his hip. All very scary stuff.

Obviously Eric has shown great heart by enduring the pain and fear during all of this, but he will tell you it was the team that pulled him through. His mom Linda says it was his teammates prayers, and visits and never ending support that helped Eric pull through. In fact the Spartans wear Eric's number 41 on their helmets. "If you want to know what national champions are all about, just see what those players have meant to Eric," she said.

The littlest guy on the field had the biggest heart for Granada Friday night. In a typically wild East Bay League game, California and Granada went back and forth, one big play after another. But in the end it was 5-foot, 6-inch running back Derek Ancira who made the play of the game and ultimately the Sports Focus Play of the Week.



ROBERT BRAUNSTEIN

Focus on Sports

Helped by a pass interference call on Ancira, California had taken the lead. Granada moved quickly down field hoping to at least get into field-goal range before time ran out. With just 35 seconds left, head coach Aaron Gingery decided it was time to put the ball in Ancira's hands. Ancira ran to the line where he found nothing but big bodies. He quickly dodged tacklers and sprinted to his left. Ancira raced around the corner and that was it.

Sure there were lots of other huge plays. Granada quarterback Daren Pasut had thrown for 375 yards on 24-for-38 passing. Cal quarterback Ryan Chiarelli was spectacular running and throwing. But Ancira, in the final moments of this emotionally draining contest had enough left to score the final momentous touchdown to win the game. Afterwards he told Sports Focus, "It was awesome," — and it sure was.

Believe it or not, lots of coaches have heart too. Thursday night the Logan coaches, including head coach Neil Fromson, took their team

to see the film "Remember the Titans". It was a little thing. Just one more motivational tool to get the Colts ready for their big league game against Newark Memorial. The game was close, but the Colts won. Denzel Washington would have been proud.

I shot a game on Saturday where the coaches were amazing. It was a small school — I won't mention the name because they're building a program and right now they are very bad. Sports Focus tries to shoot every football team in the Bay Area at least once before the season is over. So there I went not really thrilled to be shooting this game.

In fact, on my way, I told my staff, this was the game where they should sing, "who let the dogs out" — talk about woof, woof. As the game went on, I changed my mind. Sure, this team would lose and they would lose big. But the players never quit, not even in the final moments.

The coaches were positive the entire game. At one point when their quarterback was sacked for umpteenth time, one coach actually yelled, "That a way to hold on to the ball." I felt great seeing these coaches and players giving their all while losing 41-0. I felt horrible thinking the game was going to be a dog.

That game had heart. Maybe I could use a transplant.



JOEY TERRY-JONES took a handoff from Berkeley quarterback Nototo Muhammed during Berkeley's 19 win over Encinal on Oct. 13.

Jackets

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neither team could get going offensively. After a fumble by Jets' receiver Ray Thomas was recovered by cornerback Wuangwu Nnameli at the Encinal 35, the Yellowjackets capitalized on great field position. Reed scrambled 25 yards to paydirt on an inside trap to make it 13-0 at 10:37 of the second quarter.

The key series in the first half came when Encinal, with the help of a roughing-the-passer penalty, marched to the 'Jackets 5, but was stopped cold when quarterback Jimmy Olson was gang-tackled for a 14-yard sack, making it a long fourth-and-23. Menjivar's field goal attempt was short. The teams then traded punts and went into the locker room with Berkeley up 13-0.

As the second half started, Jets head coach Jack Schram was hoping his team would duplicate its effort against Alameda and come out on fire.

"In the first half we came out flat," he said. "I think we had a letdown after that big win in front of a huge crowd last week. Between the penalties and the mistakes we had zero offense. But we turned it around in the second half."

In a reprise of what he did last week (two defensive TD's), defensive end Ikaika Thomas was in the right position when Berkeley quarterback Nitoto Muhammed tried a risky pincut from the "veer" formation. The football never got to Reed and Thomas picked it up and ran for a 38-yard score, putting the Jets on the board. Menjivar's kick made it 13-7 with 8:40 remaining in the third quarter.

Behind the hard running of Tyree Jackson (12 carries, 46 yards) and the accurate passing of Olson (16 for 29, 198 yards), Encinal got it in gear, and when Olson hit receiver Nick Loy (five catches for 99 yards) on a middle screen, Loy broke two tackles, cut to the right sideline and sprinted 45 yards for a touchdown just before the quarter ended. A blocked PAT kept it tied at 13-13.

In their first four games, the 'Jackets had trouble playing from behind, but being tied seemed to energize them, and after a 38-yard pass from Muhammed to wideout Lee Franklin got them to the Jets 18, Reed broke

off two strong runs to the 1-yard line, where Muhammed scored on a keeper. Clark's kick was good and the 'Jackets had the lead again, 20-13, with 11:49 left in the game.

On the next possession the Jets advanced to the 'Jackets' 14. Jackson then took a handoff and barreled up the middle, dragging tacklers into the end zone. At this point Schram elected to go for two points and the lead, but Olson's scramble fell short and Berkeley maintained the lead at 20-19 with 7:09 on the clock.

But Berkeley wasn't done. After a Muhammed bomb to Chavallier Patterson picked up 39 yards, Reed once again got the call, running in from the 11. Clark's kick was blocked and the score was 26-19 with 2:41 left in the game.

The Jets had one last chance, however, and it was a good one. From their own 37, Olson scrambled for a first down, and then found Loy open down the left sideline for a 36-yard gain when Nnameli bit on a fake. Another Yellowjacket mental mistake, roughing the passer, put the Jets on the 6 with two minutes remaining.

This is where Berkeley's defense stood tall. After Jackson was hit for a loss and stopped for a short gain, Olson tried to hit Ray Thomas in the end zone. But Nnameli tipped it away at the last instant, setting up a do-or-die fourth down from the 5. Tight end Isaac Watts was open across the middle, but just missed Olson's throw, and the 'Jackets took over on downs. Muhammed took a knee three times as the clock ran out, securing the second victory of the year for the Yellowjackets.

Berkeley head coach Gary Weaver was happy his team won, but frustrated at the amount of mental mistakes his players continue to make.

"The mistakes are still killing us," he said with a half-smile. "and the mental errors are just too much for me. Our defense played well, and that saved us. But this team is too talented to play this way week after week. If we can ever get it together mentally, we'll be a good team."

Post game: QUOTE, UNQUOTE ... When asked about the \$2,000,000 judgment Duke University placekicker Heather Mercer received from the Blue Devils, Berkeley placekicker Celia Clark said:

"I don't know all the particulars of the case, but I don't think the amount

is excessive. If it takes two months to get the message across to the rest of America to open their eyes to it, I play for the love of the game."

girl kickers then I'll go to a college where education and play football are any help I can get.

INTENSITY ... In an office is a photographer. Weaver in a Raider uniform tackle Walter Pavton. Encinal's Val Carroll, whose the Jet freshmen 42 their third consecutive members Weaver from days.

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El Cerrito 41, Pinole 19

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Pinole Valley took a 137 ec the end of the first quarter on rush by D'Andre McFarland, wshed with 77 yards on the grou. Andrew Keough blocked the poter-touchdown kick by Alan H and the Gauchos proceeded to touchdowns on all three of the ond-half possessions for time lead.

Grunbaum

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sheet clean.

"I don't think we played a bad game," said Grunbaum. "We played hard. We held them for almost 60 minutes."

College Prep didn't win. But, then, it wasn't supposed to win. Head-Royce had the home-field advantage. It had a large, enthusiastic crowd behind it. The Jayhawks also had a deeper, more experienced team. Still, College Prep held them scoreless for nearly three quarters of the match.

"It's incredibly fun playing against guys you're not supposed to beat," says Grunbaum. "The pressure's all on them. I look forward to playing them again."

Grunbaum and his teammates hoped to do just that on Oct. 12, when the teams were to meet for a rematch at Mills College. Rain earlier in the week forced a postponement, and the teams will play a make-up at Mills today at 4.

Through it all, Grunbaum has been a steady player. Two years ago, he was the starting keeper. He moved to sweeper last season, where he's been a mainstay ever since. No matter where Tan puts him, Grunbaum seems to be a natural; someone with an impeccable instinct for soccer.

"He is a student of the game," says Tan. "He has been with this team and has been the one who has promoted what I promote in terms of defensive approach. He stops by my office at school and we talk about tactics and talk about technique."

Grunbaum has a solid soccer

foundation. His parents come from Argentina, a country that has won two World Cup trophies and whose clubs have won numerous other championships. Though that might have planted a seed for Grunbaum, any number of factors have caused his love for the game to bloom.

"I remember growing up watching soccer, like the World Cup in 1986 (Argentina won its second title that year)," said Grunbaum. "I can't really pinpoint the cause of (getting into soccer), but the fact that my parents are from Argentina didn't hurt. In fact, it might have helped. Also the fact that youth soccer is pretty big around here might have had something to do with it."

Surprisingly, soccer might not even be Grunbaum's best sport. He plays rugby for a club team. He also will return to the College Prep basketball team this winter after a year away from the sport.

"I also played baseball once," he said. "But I wasn't very good."

On the soccer pitch, though, Grunbaum seems to play every match as if it was his last. And when College Prep's season ends, Grunbaum might have well played his final competitive soccer match. So far, four-year colleges have shown little interest in him. Grunbaum seems prepared for whatever the future holds.

"I know I'm a better rugby player than a soccer player, but soccer is a more established sport," says Grunbaum. "At a Division III school, I might have much more of a chance to play soccer. But if it's a choice of going to UCLA and not playing soccer and going to Diablo Valley College and playing soccer — and I'm not dissing Diablo Valley College — I'm going to UCLA. (The prospect of

playing college soccer) is not going to affect my choice of schools."

Perhaps major colleges would rather select high school forwards and midfielders and convert them into defenders. On the field, Grunbaum doesn't look very fast — and maybe he isn't — but he has a nose for the ball and has a knack for being in the right place at the right time. Somehow, Grunbaum seems to cover a lot of ground. While recruiters can measure how fast a player runs, they can't measure the size of his heart. Grunbaum plays with a lot of heart.

Grunbaum exudes this love for soccer every time he steps on the field. His enthusiastic, energetic approach quickly rubs off on teammates. Their level of play begins to rise as well. In the process, Grunbaum also debunks a stereotype.

In some quarters, goalies, sweepers and other defensive players are seen as the enemies of creative, entertaining soccer. These players, the argument goes, make soccer boring. But Grunbaum's way is far from boring. His sliding tackles, booming clearances and knack for getting in the way of shots and passes leaves spectators wide-eyed in disbelief. Those clearances, as well as his strong efforts on free kicks, often create chances for teammates at the other end of the field.

Those of you with a preconceived notion about soccer should attend a College Prep match and keep an eye on the player wearing No. 2. Win or lose, Grunbaum will likely amaze. You might come away with a different view of defensive players and soccer in general. Don't be surprised if your previous attitude gives way to a brand new bag.

Panthers

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doubt with an explosive 32-point second quarter, including a 90-second span during which the Panthers scored 18 points. The bad luck for Kennedy (0-6) started with 7:53 left in the second quarter.

Eagles quarterback Charles Porter dropped back to pass in his own end zone and was sacked by St. Mary's linemen Lorenzo Alexander and Charles Ellis. Porter left the game

with an injury and did not return until late in the fourth quarter.

St. Mary's fullback Danny Wheeler scored on a 4-yard touchdown run shortly after the injury to make the score 16-0. After a short kickoff return by Kennedy, a shotgun snap went over backup quarterback Joey Dupree's head and out of the end zone for another safety.

Omar Young returned the ensuing free kick 60 yards for a touchdown to make the score 25-0 with 6:23 left in the second quarter.

George added two touchdown runs in the final three minutes of the

half to make it 39-0.

"We had the advantage of the winds at our backs in the second quarter," Shaughnessy said. "We were only up a touchdown in that first quarter. . . I have a lot of respect for (Kennedy coach) Matty Felder and his program."

Young started off the second-half scoring for St. Mary's, catching a pass from quarterback Jason Washington on a slant route and scoring on the 64-yard play. Washington finished out the scoring with a 2-yard quarterback sneak.

Salsig

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custom of the game, the unspoken rule that you are allowed to hit up if you are off the green. Robbins was on the green, but apparently did not realize that she was further from the cup than Sorenstam until she lined up her putt, at which time she asked for a ruling.

The best comment I've heard about the incident came from old friend Dave Feherty.

"I think that many of those involved in the outbreak exhibited what could best be described as a low threshold of understanding," he said. "For some reason, international team golf events seem to bring out the worst in some people. My God, it was like a point you'd see brought up in a really bitter divorce."

Dorothy Delasin, who has earned over \$300,000 so far in her rookie year, was not on the plane. She was busy buying her family a new house in South San Francisco. And she decided to commute to Vallejo.

"I got up at five a.m. every morning," said Delasin, who won the East

Bay Junior Championship for the second time a year and a half ago. Delasin is also a U.S. Amateur champ. We breed them here.

The girls all packed up and headed for Alabama, where they play this week. It's televised on the Lifetime channel, if you can ever find it. Inkster withdrew from the press tent. Her next appearance will be in the Wendy's three-tour challenge in Las Vegas Oct. 24, televised sometime in December.

This week real golf is being played at the Bayonet Course near Monterey. It's Q-School for the big boys. Stage I qualifying for the PGA Tour, where you play for your life.

At this writing B.J. Schlagenhauf of Walnut Creek is tied for second place after rounds of 72-68, and I wish him well. Arron Oberholser, Ron Ewing, Todd Fischer, Jon Bettencourt and Tyler Williamson are other locals in the field.

Fischer, a former People's Open champ in Alameda, has missed the final stage of Q-School by a single stroke three times. Hurst had that same problem. This year Hurst has won over \$800,000.

At La Purisima in Lompoc, Joel

Kribel is playing in Stage I. Otehr locals include Johnny Miller's son Andy, Andy Barnes, Kevin Rhoads and Mitch Lowe. Next week at Dayton Valley in Nevada locals in Stage I include Dan Arroyo, Dean Vomacka, Mike Blewitt Jr., Tim Bogue and Steve Blew.

The finals of LPGA Q-School are this week in Florida, but that is simply too painful to get into detail at the moment. More next week.

Ron Salsig has never quite been the same since his experiences at Q-School. He can be reached at rsalsig@pacbell.net



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STANDINGS

Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League

	W	L	GB
Berkeley	6	0	—
Alameda	5	1	1
Encinal	4	2	2
El Cerrito	3	3	3
De Anza	2	4	4
Richmond	1	5	5
Pinole Valley	0	6	6

Tuesday's results:
Alameda 4, De Anza 15-12, 15-11, 15-2
Richmond 4, Pinole Valley 15-4, 15-2, 13-15, 15-8
Berkeley 0, El Cerrito 16-14, 15-10, 15-2
Encinal bye

Bay Shore Athletic League

	W	L	GB
Piedmont	9	0	—
Albany	7	2	2
St. Elizabeth	7	2	2
St. Joseph	6	3	3
St. Mary's	5	4	4
Salesian	4	5	5
St. Patrick	3	6	6
John Swett	2	7	7
Holy Names	1	8	8
Kennedy	0	9	9

Wednesday's results:
St. Josephs 4, Salesian 15-13, 15-13, 15-13
Albany 4, St. Mary's 15-13, 15-14, 15-14
Piedmont 4, Kennedy 15-3, 15-4, 15-4
John Swett 15-8, 16-18, 16-15, 15-10

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Arts

Brooks' intensity infuses her art

The wealthy expatriate artist, not needing commissions, mostly painted women she knew

By Brady Kahn
CORRESPONDENT

A series of powerful portraits of women fills the walls of the UC Berkeley Art Museum. Skillfully painted in mostly somber tones reminiscent of James McNeill Whistler, these images convey the stark romantic vision of the American expatriate, lesbian artist and heiress Romaine Brooks. Like her predecessor Mary Cassatt, Brooks also focused on women, but you won't find them holding any chubby-cheeked



ROMAINE BROOKS' 1923 self-portrait: Portraiture was a specialty with the artist.

EXHIBIT

■ **WHAT:** "Amazons in the Drawing Room: The Art of Romaine Brooks"

■ **WHEN:** Through Jan. 16; hours are 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday

■ **WHERE:** UC Berkeley Art Museum, 2626 Bancroft Way

■ **CALL:** 510-642-0808

babies here.

The first major retrospective of her work in 30 years, "Amazons in the Drawing Room: The Art of Romaine Brooks" takes a new look at the work that Brooks produced in the early part of the 20th century, before World War II. The show combines work left by Brooks to the Smithsonian with pieces from public and private collections in France, some of which have never been publicly shown. The show, which originated at the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C., opened at UC Berkeley Art Museum this week.

Brooks painted in the middle of an art explosion in Europe, when Picasso and others were redefining art through cubism and abstraction, yet she remained unswayed by these new trends, and as a portraitist, she was a skilled mistress of her craft. Still, the show's guest curator Joe Lucchesi and others argue that, looked at

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Remake a heck of a lot of fun

An impish Elizabeth Hurley gives it her all in the new 'Bedazzled'

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

Shocking news flash: Elizabeth Hurley looks very good in tight red clothes cut up to here. And in tight black clothes cut down to there.

Oh yeah, and Harold Ramis' remake of the 1967 English classic "Bedazzled," starring Dudley Moore, is not half-bad, even if at times it feels like a mere excuse for showing off the many facets of Ms. Hurley's lovely figure.

In an inspired bit of casting, she

plays the devil, the role Peter Cook played in the hilarious original. Brendan Fraser assumes the Dudley Moore part, as a poor schlub who agrees to give the devil his soul in exchange for seven wishes.

In updating the movie, Ramis ("Groundhog Day" and "Analyze This") and screenwriters Larry Gelbart and Peter Tolan did some tinkering. Instead of the devil's victim being a fry cook named Stanley, Fraser is Elliot Richards, a technical support geek with a computer company in downtown San Francisco. (Bay Area residents should get a laugh out of the beginning, a brisk montage showing the devil's quest

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ELIZABETH HURLEY, aka the devil, entices Brendan Fraser in "Bedazzled."

Brilliant Arhoolie set is roots-music treasure

By Alan Doyle
STAFF WRITER

Either way you look at it, quantity or quality, this is a stunning collection. By the numbers: One man, 40 years, five CDs, 107 songs. And that's just a sampling of the musicians Chris Strachwitz has recorded during 40 years as a one-man conservatory of some of the most important traditional roots of American music.

But what a sampling it is, from the acoustic Texas blues of such greats as Mance Lipscomb and Lightnin' Hopkins that marked the beginning of Strachwitz's career, through country, Cajun, Zydeco and Tex-Mex to European, Middle Eastern and gospel.

And today's artists are represented by the West County-based Los Cenizotes, the Mexican folkloric group that is drawing increasing attention and acclaim.

Few of Strachwitz's Arhoolie label artists and fewer of their songs ever appeared on mainstream Top 40 lists. But among aficionados, such

BOX SET REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "The Journey of Chris Strachwitz—40th Anniversary Collection: 1960-2000," five CDs, \$81.97 (suggested retail price)

■ **WHO:** Various artists, including Big Joe Williams, Mance Lipscomb, Clifton Chenier, Lightnin' Hopkins, Big Mama Thornton, Del McCoury, Charlie Musselwhite, Dewey Balfa, Flaco Jimenez, Lydia Mendoza, Sister Rose Maddox, the Klezmorim, Michael Doucet, Los Cenizotes, Aziz Herawi and more

■ **LABEL:** Arhoolie

■ **GRADE:** A+

artists as Clifton Chenier, Michael Doucet and Flaco Jimenez are giants of their genres, musicians who owe much of their exposure to wider au-



diences to Strachwitz.

The songs will be familiar to blues, Zydeco, Cajun and Norteño lovers. A couple have even slipped into the semi-mainstream, although performed by other artists. Old-time folkies and the Hot Tuna faithful will recognize "San Francisco Bay Blues," written by Jesse Fuller.

Strachwitz recorded K.C. Douglas,

the Mississippi bluesman who migrated to the Bay Area during World War II, singing "Mercury Blues" in Berkeley in 1959. There may be more versions of that song around than Mercurys. It's shown up on blues, rockabilly, folk and rock set lists, and even made it onto a David Lindley album.

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EVENTS

Berkeley Repertory Theatre — "The Green Bird" by Carlo Gozzi, extended through Oct. 28. This fairy tale combines the theatrical style of commedia dell'arte with the formal conventions of Kabuki. \$40.50 to \$51. Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. 2025 Addison St., Berkeley, (510) 845-4700 or www.berkeleyrep.org

Contra Costa Civic Theatre — "Arsenic and Old Lace" by Joseph Kesselring, through Nov. 18. A classic American comedy featuring an unusual cast of characters from Teddy Roosevelt to Boris Karloff to two sweet old ladies. \$10 general; \$6 children age 16 and under. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Oct. 22 and Nov. 5, 2 p.m. 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, (510) 524-9132

Live Oak Theatre — "Inherit The Wind" by Lawrence and Lee, Oct. 20 through Nov. 18. The Actors Ensemble of Berkeley presents a courtroom drama of the Scopes trial of the 1920s. \$10 general. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Nov. 16, 8 p.m. 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, (510) 528-5620

The Madison — "Murder Dressed in Satin" by Victor Lawhorn, ongoing. A mystery-comedy dinner show about a murder at the home of Satin Moray, a club owner and self-proclaimed socialite with a scarlet past. Dinner is included in the price of the theater ticket. \$47.50. Lake Merritt Hotel, 1800 Madison St., Oakland, (510) 239-2252 or www.acteva.com/go/havefun

Mills College Theatre — "Last Summer at Bluefish Cove" by Jane Chambers, Oct. 27 through Nov. 3. Amid a tangled web of relationships, it becomes clear to a group of women that they honestly love each other when tragedy strikes the cove. \$8 general; \$5 seniors and students. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. Lissner Hall, 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland (510) 430-3308

Julia Morgan Theater — "Fanny at Chez Panisse" by Alice Waters, closing Oct. 29. A musical describing the trials of an adolescent girl who grows up in the warm and inviting kitchen of her mother's famous restaurant. \$26 to \$34 general; \$24 to \$26 children under age 12. Wednesday and Thursday, 7 p.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. 2640 College Ave., Berkeley, (888) FANNY06 or www.fannyyatchezpanisse.org

Speakeasy Theatre — "Brain In A Box" by Andrea Mock, through Nov. 11. A young computer geek has a recurring nightmare in which he can't tell if he is a human who thinks too much like a computer or a computer programmed to think it's a person. \$10 to \$12. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m. 2016 Seventh St., Berkeley, (510) 601-TWEB or www.ticketweb.com

Shotgun Players — "The Water Engine" by David Mamet, closing Oct. 28. This is part radio play, part staged drama about the struggle of tomorrow's best intentions against old school greed and corruption. \$15 to \$20 general; \$10 seniors and students. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 8:30 p.m. Eighth Street Studio, 2525 Eighth St., Berkeley, (510) 655-0813.

Cody's Books — Dale Hope, Oct. 21, 3 p.m. The author discusses his book "The Aloha Shirt: Spirit of the Islands." At 1730 Fourth St.

Paisley Rekdal, Oct. 23. The author reads from her book "The Night My Mother Met Bruce Lee: Observations on Not Fitting In." Alexander Cockburn and Jeffrey St. Clair, Oct. 24. The authors discuss their book "Al Gore: A User's Manual."

Susan Estrich, Oct. 25. The author discusses her book "Sex and Power." Elizabeth Graver, Oct. 26, 7 p.m. The author reads from her novel "The Honey Thief." At 1730 Fourth St. Jonathan Rosen, Oct. 26. The author discusses his book "The Talmud and The Internet." American Folk Songs For Young People, Oct. 28, 11 a.m. A performance of folk music. Robert San Souci, Oct. 29, 2:30 p.m. The author discusses his book "Cinderella Skeleton." At 1730 Fourth St. Events are free and start at 7:30 p.m. unless listed otherwise. 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, (510) 845-7852.

Marcus Books — Alvin Poussaint and Amy Alexander, Oct. 20, 6:30 p.m. The authors discuss their book "Lay My Burden Down: Unraveling Suicide and the Mental Health Crisis Among African Americans." 3900 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Oakland, (510) 652-2344.

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BILL MANN
Media Notes

Of trademarks and commercials

I taken to extremes, it's a copy-right-infringement case that could leave clause marks on many schools and high schools in the East Bay — at least, those that use tigers (or bengals) as mascots. Now, other species have become involved in a second animal-trade-mark case.

The Supreme Court this week has refused to head off a trademark trial on Jan. 16 instigated by Kellogg against Exxon. At issue is whether Exxon's "Tiger in Your Tank," who was flushed out in the '80s but went back into the tank a decade later to push Exxon mini-marts on TV ads, violates Kellogg's famed Tony the Tiger trademark. (I always noticed a resemblance and assumed the two beasts shared a common parentage.)

Kellogg says Exxon brought back the tiger to sell food items in its convenience stores. (The trial judge wisely threw out the fact that some of the Exxon food items actually create gas as irrelevant.)

Now comes word of a copyright suit involving another oil company — this time it's the plaintiff — over another animal likeness.

"I've learned that board members of Sinclair Oil — it apparently still has stations in Utah, although I haven't seen one around here in many years — which uses a big green dinosaur as its logo, are suing the creators of PBS's Barney, the outsized, preternaturally purple dinosaur, for \$5 million for copyright infringement. In their complaint, the Sinclair directors said harshly, "We don't love you, and you don't love us." One of the plaintiffs told reporters, "It's outrageous what the Barney people have done. They've taken our famous branded dinosaur, an elegant beast, and turned it into this ghastly creature who looks like a confusion with eyes."

But all this TV trademark fighting doesn't stop here.

On the heels of all this another famous Kellogg cereal character — actually three of them — recently filed a similar suit. A complaint by attorneys for the trio of Rice Krispies mascots charge that autops retailer The Pep Boys have stepped on their trademark. The complaint reads, in part, "It is alleged that the Pep Boys' Manny, Moe and Jack bear a striking resemblance to Snap, Crackle and Pop." Adding to the damages, the lawsuit says, is that "The Pep Boys' maliciously and intentionally have created confusion with Kellogg's breakfast-cereal line with an allegedly humorous ad campaign exhorting consumers to 'Have a Breakfast of Champions — Try a Bowl of Our Spark Plugs.'"

My hunch is that this latter lawsuit won't go far, if a headline I saw last week in The National Enquirer is any indication. It read:

"Snap and Crackle Weep Openly at Graveside During Services for Pop."

The story also noted that a white liquid believed to be milk was poured into the open grave.

Speaking of TV ads: Has anyone noticed the almost uncanny way that three of the most ubiquitous and annoying spots have been running next to each other on local TV stations?

The first ad seems to air every seconds somewhere (I'm not exaggerating): It's that ad for PacBell Wireless that features a saw-toothed, Ally McBeal-like ectomorph showing interest in a young man because he's given \$20 to the Special Olympics. When she then sees that he's getting a free phone because of it, she loses interest. This ad has run at least 25,000 times on local TV this month.

A commercial that often seems to run with it is just as annoying and more so. It's for an unrelated company, Carl's Jr., which, like so many fast-food outlets, seems to target some of its best customers, young males. In the ad, a shadowy guy who looks like a real sharpie eats a burger all by himself. A flicker-like voice comes on and says charmingly: "Don't Bother Me. I'm Eating."

Just by the looks of this guy and less-than-refined eating habits, I don't think that's going to be much of a problem.

The third: Two bored, stoned-looking twentysomethings sit on a couch. (I believe this is another phone ad.) The slack-jawed guy places a call to his zombie-d girlfriend, who's slouched

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● Dancer in the Dark (R) 5:20, 8:20

Albany Twin

Solano at San Pablo Ave. Albany 843-FLM
● Billy Elliot (R) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:00
● Place Vendôme (NR) 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 8:45

California Theatres

On Kirtledge at Shattuck, Berkeley 843-FLM
● Bamboozled (R) 2:30, 5:30, 8:30
● Meet the Parents (PG-13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:35
● Nurse Betty (R) 2:20, 4:40, 7:30, 9:20

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● Bamboozled (R) 1:10, 4:25, 7:25, 10:25
● Best in Show (PG-13) noon, 1:30, 2:15, 3:45, 4:35, 6:15, 7:00, 8:30, 9:15, 10:45, 11:30
● Best in Show (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 12:15, 2:35, 4:10, 5:45, 6:40, 7:55, 10:25, 12:15 a.m.
● The Contender (R) 4:40, 3:05, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50, 10:20
● Digimon: The Movie (PG) 11:20 a.m. 1:35, 3:55
● Dr. T and the Women (R) 11:25 a.m., 2:20, 5:05, 7:50, 10:35
● The Exorcist - The Version You've Never Seen (R) 11:35 a.m., 1:05, 4:05, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00, 10:45
● Get Carter (2000) (R) 11:25 a.m., 1:55, 4:30, 7:05, 9:30, 11:35
● The Exorcist - The Version You've Never Seen (R) 11:35 a.m., 1:05, 4:05, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00, 10:45
● The Legend of Drunken Master (R) 12:45, 3:10, 5:35, 8:00, 10:40
● Lost Souls (R) 12:35, 2:55, 5:30, 8:10, 10:40
● Meet the Parents (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 11:50 a.m., 12:40, 1:45, 2:30, 3:25, 4:20, 5:15, 6:20, 7:05, 7:35, 8:55, 9:40, 10:10, 11:35, 12:15 a.m.
● Pay It Forward (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 12:20, 1:25, 2:15, 4:00, 5:00, 5:50, 7:45, 8:50, 9:45, 10:30, 11:45
● Remember the Titans (PG) 11:15 a.m., 12:10, 1:50, 2:45, 3:35, 4:25, 5:15, 7:00, 9:05, 5:05, 9:35, 10:35, 12:10 a.m.
● Urban Legends: Final Cut (R) 2:25, 7:40
● What Lies Beneath (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 5:15, 10:30

Chabot Cinema

2853 Castro Valley Blvd. Castro Valley 582-2555
● Bamboozled (PG-13) 1:00, 3:00, 5:10, 7:30, 9:45

Elmwood

2365 College Avenue, Berkeley 849-0530
● Chicken Run (G) 6:25
● Gladiator (R) 8:15
● High Fidelity (R) 4:45, 9:00
● Saving Grace (R) 7:00
● Space Cowboys (PG-13) 7:05
● The Tao of Steve (R) 5:10, 9:35

Fine Arts Cinema - Berkeley

2451 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 848-1143
● Georgia (NR) 7:30
● High Noon (NR) 9:30

Grand Lake Theater

3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 452-3556
● Lost Souls (R) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:10
● Meet the Parents (PG-13) noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
● Pay It Forward (PG-13) 12:45, 3:45, 7:00, 9:45
● Remember the Titans (PG) 11:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:30

Jack London Cinema

130 Westchester St., Oakland 433-1330
● Bamboozled (R) 12:55, 4:15, 7:30, 10:40
● Best in Show (PG-13) 11:55 a.m., 1:45, 4:10, 7:05, 9:40
● Best in Show (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45
● The Contender (R) noon, 3:30, 7:00, 10:10
● Pay It Forward (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10, 12:30, 1:30
● The Ladies Man (R) 11:50 a.m., 2:30, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15
● Meet the Parents (PG-13) 11:10 a.m., 2:00, 4:40, 7:25, 9:55
● Pay It Forward (PG-13) 12:45, 3:45, 7:00, 10:00
● Remember the Titans (PG) 11:00 a.m., 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55

Festival 9 Cinemas Hayward

19901 Hesperian Blvd. Hayward 785-8000
● Bring It On (PG-13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 9:30
● The Contender (R) 4:00, 7:00, 9:45
● Digimon: The Movie (PG) 1:45, 4:15, 7:10, 9:15
● Dr. T and the Women (R) 2:10, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10
● Get Carter (2000) (R) 2:45, 5:15, 8:00, 10:30
● The Ladies Man (R) 3:00, 5:15, 7:50, 10:20
● Meet the Parents (PG-13) 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00
● The Original Kings of Comedy (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00, 10:30
● Remember the Titans (PG) 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00

HAZ 8

39400 Argonaut Way, Fremont 797-2000
● Active (NR) 5:00, 8:00
● Dinaal Akhtar Prem Ke (NR) 5:00
● Dil Pe Mat Le Har (NR) 5:00, 9:00, 11:00
● Fiza (NR) 5:00, 9:00
● Humara Dil Aapke Paas Hai (NR) 5:00
● Jis Dosh Mein Ganga Rehna Hai (NR) 5:00, 9:00, 7:11
● Shikhar (NR) 5:00, 9:00
● Tamil Movie (NR) 9:30
● Terage Movie 9:30

Oaks Theater

1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 526-1538
● The Contender (R) 7:20, 9:40
● Dr. T and the Women (R) 7:15, 9:45

Piedmont Theatre

1501 Broadway, Oakland 843-FLM
● Almost Famous (R) 4:00, 6:45, 9:20
● Dr. T and the Women (R) 4:15, 7:00, 9:35
● Nurse Betty (R) 4:30, 7:15, 9:45

Shattuck Cinemas

On Shattuck at Kirtledge, Berkeley 843-FLM
● An Affair of Love (R) 3:00, 7:05
● Aimee & Jaguar (NR) 1:15, 3:55, 6:40, 9:20
● Almost Famous (R) 1:20, 4:10, 6:50, 9:35
● The Broken Hearts Club (R) 1:55, 4:25, 7:20, 9:30
● Gimme Shelter (NR) 5:30, 7:30, 9:30
● Girl on the Bridge (R) 1:30, 4:00, 6:45, 9:10
● Girlfight (R) 1:45, 4:20, 7:25, 9:55
● Goya in Bordeaux (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:35
● The Ladies Man (R) 1:50, 4:10, 6:20, 7:30, 9:50
● Pay It Forward (PG-13) 1:25, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
● Remember the Titans (PG) 1:50, 4:20, 6:55, 9:45
● Woman on Top (R) 12:55, 4:55, 9:15

UA Berkeley 7

2274 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley 843-1487
● Bamboozled (PG-13) noon, 12:45, 2:40, 4:30, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30
● Bring It On (PG-13) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
● The Exorcist - The Version You've Never Seen (R) 12:15, 3:00, 7:10, 10:05
● Get Carter (2000) (R) 12:10, 2:35, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15
● The Legend of Drunken Master (R) noon, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
● Last Souls (R) 12:05, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

UA Emerybay 10

8330 Christie Ave. Emeryville 420-9107
● Almost Famous (R) noon, 7:00
● Bamboozled (PG-13) 12:15, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:10, 12:30 a.m.
● The Contender (R) 10:50 a.m., 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:20
● Dr. T and the Women (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:50, 4:50, 7:45, 10:30
● The Exorcist - The Version You've Never Seen (R) 3:30, 9:40, 12:30 a.m.
● The Ladies Man (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15, 12:30 a.m.
● The Legend of Drunken Master (R) 10:50 a.m., 1:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50, 12:15 a.m.
● Last Souls (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:15, 10:45
● Meet the Parents (PG-13) 10:55 a.m., 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45, 12:15 a.m.
● Pay It Forward (PG-13) 10:55 a.m., 1:45, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40
● Remember the Titans (PG) 11:20 a.m., 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10, 12:30 a.m.

UA Hayward 6

24800 Hesperian Blvd. Hayward 786-3000
● Bamboozled (PG-13) 12:40, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:40
● The Exorcist - The Version You've Never Seen (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
● The Legend of Drunken Master (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:15
● Last Souls (R) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:40, 10:10

Natty Professor II: The Klumpas (PG-13) noon 2:15, 4:30

● Pay It Forward (PG-13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00
● Urban Legends: Final Cut (R) 7:20, 9:30

UC Theatre

University Avenue between Milva Street and Shattuck Avenue
Berkeley 843-FLM
● Gimme Shelter (NR) 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

Central Contra Costa

Festival Walnut Creek

1450 N. California Blvd. Walnut Creek 934-8649
● Almost Famous (R) 1:15, 4:25, 7:05, 9:50
● Bamboozled (PG-13) 2:15, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40
● The Ladies Man (R) 2:30, 4:50, 7:00, 9:30
● Best in Show (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 12:15, 2:35, 4:10, 5:45, 6:40, 7:55, 10:25, 12:15 a.m.
● Remember the Titans (PG) 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45

Orinda Theater

4 Orinda Theater Square, Orinda 254-9000
● Best in Show (PG-13) 5:00, 6:00, 10:00
● Dr. T and the Women (R) 6:45, 9:30
● Pay It Forward (PG-13) 7:05, 9:45

Park Theater

5150 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette 283-7997
● Almost Famous (R) 7:45, 10:00
● Chicken Run (G) 6:00

Rheem All-Stadium 4

350 Park Street, Menlo Park 328-3411
● Bamboozled (PG-13) 5:15, 7:35, 9:30
● The Contender (R) 4:25, 7:00, 9:35
● Dancer in the Dark (R) 7:05
● Meet the Parents (PG-13) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
● Nurse Betty (R) 4:45, 9:45

Web City Cinema

3150 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette 283-7997
● Bamboozled (PG-13) 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
● Digimon: The Movie (PG) 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:35, 7:05, 9:30
● Dr. T and the Women (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:10, 4:50, 7:35, 10:25
● The Exorcist - The Version You've Never Seen (R) 12:20, 4:05, 7:20, 10:15
● The Ladies Man (R) 11:40 a.m., 1:50, 3:55, 5:55, 8:00, 10:10
● The Legend of Drunken Master (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:40, 10:20
● Last Souls (R) 11:50 a.m., 2:15, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
● Meet the Parents (PG-13) noon, 2:30, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05
● Pay It Forward (PG-13) 11:35 a.m., 2:20, 5:00, 7:45, 10:35
● Remember the Titans (PG) 12:10, 2:45, 5:20, 7:00, 7:55, 9:35, 10:30

Century 10 Pinole

3150 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette 283-7997
● Bamboozled (PG-13) 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
● Digimon: The Movie (PG) 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:35, 7:05, 9:30
● Dr. T and the Women (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:10, 4:50, 7:35, 10:25
● The Exorcist - The Version You've Never Seen (R) 12:20, 4:05, 7:20, 10:15
● The Ladies Man (R) 11:40 a.m., 1:50, 3:55, 5:55, 8:00, 10:10
● The Legend of Drunken Master (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:40, 10:20
● Last Souls (R) 11:50 a.m., 2:15, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
● Meet the Parents (PG-13) noon, 2:30, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05
● Pay It Forward (PG-13) 11:35 a.m., 2:20, 5:00, 7:45, 10:35
● Remember the Titans (PG) 12:10, 2:45, 5:20, 7:00, 7:55, 9:35, 10:30

Solano County

3465 Sonoma Blvd. Vallejo 645-8800
● Bamboozled (PG-13) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:35
● Bring It On (PG-13) 2:10, 5:15, 7:40, 9:50
● The Cell (R) 1:45, 4:20, 7:10, 9:30
● The Contender (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40
● Get Carter (2000) (R) 2:20, 5:30, 7:50, 9:55
● Remember the Titans (PG) 2:00, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45

Century Cinemas 8 Vallejo

11800 Admiral, Vallejo 648-2122
● Digimon: The Movie (PG) 11:35 a.m. 1:50
● The Ladies Man (R) 11:40 a.m., 1:50, 3:55, 5:55, 8:00, 10:10
● Dr. T and the Women (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:40, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
● The Exorcist - The Version You've Never Seen (R) 4:30, 7:20, 9:50
● The Ladies Man (R) 11:20 a.m., 12:30, 1:40, 2:50, 3:50, 4:50, 7:00, 8:10, 9:00, 10:15
● The Legend of Drunken Master (R) 12:10, 2:30, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
● Last Souls (R) 12:20, 3:00, 5:20, 8:40, 10:10
● Meet the Parents (PG-13) noon, 2:45, 5:10, 7:30, 10:00
● Pay It Forward (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:30

San Francisco

1000 Van Ness, San Francisco (415)822-44MC
● Almost Famous (R) 2:05, 5:00, 7:45, 10:35
● The Contender (R) 1:05, 1:50, 4:05, 4:45, 7:10, 8:00, 10:15, 11:35
● Dr. T and the Women (R) 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:25
● The Exorcist - The Version You've Never Seen (R) 1:15, 4:30, 7:40, 10:45
● Further (NR) 10:30
● Get Carter (2000) (R) 4:40, 7:30
● Girlfight (R) 1:40
● The Legend of Drunken Master (R) 1:20, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45
● Lost Souls (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:25, 10:00
● Meet the Parents (PG-13) 1:10, 2:00, 4:10, 4:55, 7:05, 7:50, 9:55, 10:40
● Pay It Forward (PG-13) 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:55, 10:05, 11:00
● Remember the Titans (PG) 1:25, 2:15, 4:25, 5:10, 7:20, 8:10, 10:10, 10:55

AMC Kabuki 8

1851 Post St., San Francisco (415)822-44MC
● Bamboozled (R) 1:40, 4:15, 7:40, 10:45
● The Contender (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:20, 10:15
● Get Carter (2000) (R) 2:00, 4:25, 7:00, 9:30
● The Ladies Man (R) 1:50, 4:55, 7:15, 9:45, 12:05 a.m.
● The Legend of Drunken Master (R) 1:55, 4:40, 7:30, 9:55
● Lost Souls (R) 1:45, 5:00, 7:45, 10:25
● Meet the Parents (PG-13) 1:35, 4:20, 7:05, 9:40, 12:15 a.m.
● Remember the Titans (PG) 2:05, 4:50, 7:35, 10:20

Bridge

3010 Geary Blvd. San Francisco (415)352-0810
● Dancer in the Dark (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

Castro Theatre

Castro and Market Streets, San Francisco (415)621-6120
● The Times of Harvey Milk (NR) 7:00, 9:15

Clay

2261 Filmore St., San Francisco (415)352-0810
● Place Vendôme (NR) 1:45, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30

Embarcadero

1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco (415)352-0810
● Best in Show (PG-13) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50, 12:15, 4:30, 7:20
● Billy Elliot (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:20, 10:00
● The Broken Hearts Club (R) 12:40, 3:00, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10, 12:30, 2:30, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30

Lumiere

1572 California St., San Francisco (415)352-0810
● Just Looking (R) 12:30, 2:40, 5:15, 7:35, 9:45
● Urbania (R) 12:10, 2:35, 5:00, 7:25, 9:50
● The Wolves of Kronen (NR) 12:45, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:40

Opera Plaza Cinemas

601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco (415)352-0810
● An Affair of Love (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:50
● Goya in Bordeaux (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:50
● Grove (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:30
● The Tao of Steve (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:40

Red Vic

1727 Haight St., San Francisco (415)668-3994
● Dances & Confused (R) 7:15, 9:30

Roxie

3117 16th St., San Francisco (415)663-1087
● Demon Lover Diary (NR) 7:30

Sony Metreon

101 4th Street, San Francisco (415)389-6200
● Almost Famous (R) 11:20 a.m., 2:10, 5:10, 8:20, 11:10, 12:45
● The Contender (R) 11:55 a.m., 1:05, 4:20, 6:05, 9:30, 10:45
● Dr. T and the Women (R) 12:05, 3:15, 6:40, 9:40
● The Exorcist - The Version You've Never Seen (R) 1:00, 4:20, 8:10, 11:40
● Get Carter (2000) (R) 3:05, 9:15, 12:05 a.m.
● The Legend of Drunken Master (R) 1:10, 3:45, 6:20, 8:50, 11:30
● The Legend of Drunken Master (R) 11:30 a.m., 12:40, 2:00, 3:20, 4:30, 6:00, 7:20, 8:40, 10:00, 11:20, 12:30 a.m., 12:40, 5:20, 8:10, 10:40
● Last Souls (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30, 12:25 a.m.
● Meet the Parents (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 1:50, 3:15, 4:50, 6:30, 7:40, 9:30, 10:50, 12:20 a.m.
● Pay It Forward (PG-13) 11:10 a.m., 12:30, 2:20, 3:40, 5:40, 7:00, 9:00, 10:20, 12:10 a.m.
● Remember the Titans (PG) 12:10, 3:00, 6:10, 9:20, 12:15 a.m.

Sony Metreon IMAX

101 4th Street, San Francisco (415)389-6200
● Cyberworld (G) 12:25, 3:30, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30
● Fantasia 2000 (G) 1:40

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. The reviewers are: Chuck Barney, Vera H-C Chan, Karen Her-shenson and Mary Pols, Times; Ted Anthony, Robert W. Butler, Phoebe Flowers, Chris Hewitt, J. Monaghan, Robert Philpot, Steven Rea and Renee Rodriguez, Knight Ridder Newspapers; Chris Grygiel, Hillel Italie, Michael Kuchwara, Christy Lemire, Sheila Norman-Culp, Malcolm Ritter and Bob Thomas, Associated Press; Michael Saunders, Boston Globe; Bob Heisler and John Anderson, Newsday; Anita Gates, Lawrence Van Gelder, Stephen Holden, Dave Kehr, Janet Maslin, Elvis Mitchell and A.O. Scott, New York Times; Bob Strauss and Glenn Whipp, Los Angeles Daily News; Kenneth Turan, Kevin Thomas and Charles Solomon, Los Angeles Times; Henry Sheehan, Orange County Register; Glenn Lovell, San Jose Mercury News; John Hartl, Seattle Times; Roger Ebert, Universal Press Syndicate; Tom Sime, Dallas Morning News; and Desson Howe, Washington Post.

"AN AFFAIR OF LOVE": An assured French film that's actually a meditation on what fear can do to love, and how easily a misunderstanding glance or a few words can change things forever. The characters have no names and meet online so they can act out one of their sexual fantasies. From a he said/she said point of view, the audience learns about each person's perspective events that followed. To give away any more would spoil this thoughtful and pensive film. — M. Pols. (R: sexual themes and brief nudity) 1 hour, 20 minutes. A-

"AIMEE & JAGUAR": A wartime romance about a love affair between a German housewife and a Jewish lesbian in Berlin in 1943. Felice (Maria Schrader) has concealed her Jewishness so well, she works for a Nazi newspaper. Lilly (Juliane Kohler), the mother of four, is naive but honest, and when they are struck by love, there is no turning back. Based on a true story, of course — since as fiction, it would be too incredible. Directed by Max Farberbock. — R. Ebert. (NR: intended for adults.) 2 hours, 5 minutes. B

"ALMOST FAMOUS": Director Cameron Crowe's semi-autobiographical "Almost Famous" is a tender, rambling movie, so soaked in 1970s nostalgia that those who grew up in that era will most likely fall hard for it. Whether its considerable charms will wear out other generations is less certain. It's Crowe's most personal movie to date, looking back on his days as a ludicrous

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"GET CARTER": This lackluster remake of the 1971 crime drama stars Sylvester Stallone as a vigilante who turns up in Seattle and takes over a slumlord world of mobsters, crooked cops and crazed computer czars. The action picture that moves along with a slow, stilted rhythm, no suspense, and no real excitement. (R) 1 hour, 42 minutes. C

"GIRLFRIGHT": A movie with real heart and soul. The main character, a surly high school student named Diana Guzman, has a lot of experts would call an anger management problem. She also has a sharp tongue, a permanent scowl and a deadly right hook. Surprising, then, that spending time with her is such a joy. But it is. And most of the credit belongs to screenwriter Michelle Rodriguez, whose performance of young woman from Brooklyn brings a freshness to her boxing is so vivid and natural, it makes you rethink your expectations about acting. She might well be the next Hilary Swank. — M. Pols. (R) 1 hour, 20 minutes. A-

"THE LADIES MAN": Tim Meadows follows in "Saturday Night Live" movie slump in the unscripted and most of all unfunny comedy featuring his character Leon. Meadows, the self-avowed "ladies man," is a lipping roadie who gets stuck in the '70s and the humor that ensues is as funny as a fart. (R) 1 hour, 20 minutes. D

"THE LIFE AND TIMES OF HANK GREENBERG": An inspirational and, yes, somewhat, documentary on Greenberg, the Jewish lawyer superstar. Director Anne Kempner's film is inspirational, and as good as the story of Greenberg is moving on its own, Kempner's storytelling is so witty, insightful and thoroughly gripping that the result is the greatest unscripted movie pleasure of the season. — B. Strauss. (NR) 1 hour, 35 minutes. A

"LOST SOULS": What do you do when Rosemary's baby has grown up? That is the question that faces Winona Ryder, who goes to save Ben Chaplin from becoming Satan's vessel in this supernatural thriller. As for Maya Lin, schoolteacher and part-time erotic assistant, truly glows in the dark. Chaplin mainly plays it bewildered as post-sexual-triumph victim Peter Kelson. The dramatic tension revolves around how a secular man in his early 30s will try to reconstruct his spiritual identity before it's too late. Oscar-winning cinematographer Janusz Kaminski does imagery well as a feature director, but the examination of our current cynicism of agelessness is occasionally by largely role directorship and occasional knee-jerk reflexes of horror cinema. — V. Chan. (R) 1 hour, 42 minutes. C

"MEET THE PARENTS": Nothing goes right for poor Greg Koor (Ben Stiller) when he meets his girlfriend Pam's (Teri

Polo) parents. Dad, Robert De Niro, a retired CIA psychological profiler, treats him like a KGB spy, and fake-friendly Mom (Blythe Danner) isn't much better. The plot is predictable and at times heavy-handed, but far funnier than you'd expect, with just the right note of menace mixed in. Stiller proves once again that he's a comic gem. — M. Pols. (R: sexual content, drug references and language.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. B+

"NURSE BETTY": The best movie about a sweet, lost girl from Kansas and her wanderings since "The Wizard of Oz." It's also one of the best movies of the year, a deliciously odd and funny movie that manages to be dark and cheering at the same time. Could this really be the work of controversial director Neil LaBute, who brought us those bits of nastiness "In the Company of Men" and "Your Friends & Neighbors"? Apparently so. What's different is that he's working from someone else's script, so there's actually room to like these characters. Renée Zellweger plays Betty, a waitress at the Tip Top diner in Fair Oaks, Kansas, who has a dead husband, a pair of hit men on her trail (Morgan Freeman and Chris Rock), a serious infatuation with a soap opera star (Greg Kinnear) and a case of mental trauma that makes her believe he's real and they belong together. — M. Pols. (R: strong violence, pervasive language and a scene of sexuality.) 1 hour, 52 minutes. A

"ONE": Subtle yet stylish, carefully and rigorously made, "One" is a haunting character study of two longtime friends who reach a point where the bonds between them are as senseless as they are unbreakable. Most impressive is that "One" is the debut film for director Tony Barbari. It deservedly received raves at Sundance. — K. Turan. (NR: adult subject matter.) 1 hour, 28 minutes. A-

"PLACE VENDEME": Catherine Deneuve is luminous as always in this richly textured thriller packed with so many criminals and amatory betrayals that Deneuve's alcoholic widow of a highly regarded diamond dealer can hardly sort them out. A chamber from Deneuve's past returns, setting off a series of events that involve diamonds and betrayals. — J. Carr. (NR) 1 hour, 57 minutes. A

"PSYCHO BEACH PARTY": This raucous spoof of "Gidget," "Beach Party" movies and teen slasher flicks originally was a cult hit off-Broadway in 1967. Thirteen years later, it's made into a hip, funny movie that's, surprisingly, as timely as it was before. Copying the look and sound of those '60s movies, "Beach Party" borrows from Hitchcock and other sources. But don't think this "Beach" is merely derivative, nor could it be called "normal." — S. Holden. (NR) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B

"REMEMBER THE TITANS": Someone should really take that Presidential Commission on Race Relations know that the secret to dispelling racial tensions is football. At least, that's what this well-intentioned but overwrought Denzel Washington movie would have us believe. Based on what happened when a real high school in Alexandria, Virginia, was integrated in 1971 and white and black football players were forced to be on a team together, this highly calculated Jerry Bruckheimer production gives us football as a panacea for bigotry,

all wrapped up in a squishy crowd-pleasing package. Make it a rental. — M. Pols. (PG thematic elements and some language.) 1 hour, 53 minutes. C+

"SMILING FISH AND GOAT ON FIRE": For all its locker-room language, this smallish film is an ode to sweetness, decency, kinship and the idealization of romance. The movie centers on two orphaned twentysomething brothers who are housemates in Los Angeles. They share advice and commiseration over their messy love lives. They both come to the realization that they must face the roadblocks and make decisions about where they're headed, and with whom. "Smiling Fish" is pure charm, with nothing more than the melodrama of ordinary lives getting ordinary obstacles to propel it. — D. Germain. (R: language, sexual content and brief drug use.) 1 hour, 32 minutes. B-

"URBAN LEGENDS: Final Cut": Formulaic, unfocused sequel to a horror flick that wasn't good enough to merit a sequel. Of course, "Final Cut" really has nothing to do with urban legends and is more of a "Scream" rip-off than anything else. The talented young cast from the original is missing, and in its stead we get Joseph (don't call me Joey) Lawrence. As for the plot, "Urban Legends" follows a tired formula as it follows an aspiring young filmmaker (Jennifer Morrison) who's making a movie about a college campus serial killer who reenacts urban legends. A movie that's so derivative, you'll be praying that this is indeed the final cut. — C. Lemire. (R: violence, language and some sexuality.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. D

"URBANIA": Popular urban legends snake through this audacious new independent film by first-time director Jon Shear. Working from a play, Shear has managed to combine dark comedy, seriously creepy cytypes and a compelling gay love story. Charlie (Dan Futterman) is haunted by subliminal flashes of a tattooed stranger and sudden bursts of street violence. The film progresses as we — the audience — emerge from the haze of Charlie's scrambled, grief-ridden recollections. The result is an ending that is as heartrending as it is mind-messing. — G. Lovell. (NR: could be rated R for violence, nudity and language.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. A

"WOMAN ON TOP": Cheerful piffle with little going for it but the amazing loveliness of Spanish actress Penelope Cruz. She plays a Brazilian chef who catches her husband cheating on her and runs away to San Francisco to start a new life. A television producer with a crush offers her a local cooking show, and soon she's a star. She still pines for hubby, though, so she cooks up a little black magic to let herself off love for him. Unfortunately, he turns up, crooning love songs and refusing to let her go. His charm is force-fed, like the movie. Feminists will probably hate the movie's ending, but the biggest bummer is there aren't even any good recipes. — M. Pols. (R: sexuality.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. C+

use it to bail himself out of each wish, which play out like manic short skits.

It wouldn't be right to spoil each wish by detailing them here; that would steal the laughs. But suffice it to say that Elliot is rich and powerful in that first wish because he's a Colombian drug lord (speaking fluent Spanish), and yes, he's married to Alison, but she wants nothing to do with him. She's far more interested in her English instructor. The devil has a way to bootch all his wishes, because Elliot always leaves her some loophole.

Ramis credits his wife with giving him the idea to make the devil a woman in the remake. He should drop by Tiffany's on the way home: it was a brilliant idea to give the plot a new spin. Hurley doesn't appear to be much of an actress, but she looks fabulous and demonic, with her smoky blue cat-shaped eyes and pouty lips, and that's really all that matters. She flourishes through the movie with such blatant sexuality that she's practically a parody of a temptress. Indeed, she seems to parody her own image, flashing red underwear at the audience in one scene, just the way she's "accidentally" flashed the paparazzi in the past.

Brooks

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slightly differently, Brooks' work was also cutting-edge.

A professor of art history at St. Mary's College in Maryland, Lucchesi says the work conveys a lesbian painter's effort to break with conventional visual definitions of femininity. "She was part of this culture that was changing a lot during the war years, the pre- and post-war periods, and part of a subculture that was visually defining itself," he said in a recent phone interview.

Born in 1874 to wealthy parents, Beatrice Romaine Goddard had an unhappy childhood, which she later documented in an unpublished autobiography she titled "No Pleasant Memories." She left home in her early 20s to study painting in Italy. In 1903, she married gay English pianist John Elingham Brooks, but it was a marriage of convenience and lasted only a year. Later, she moved to France without him, but kept his name.

By 1902, her mother had died, leaving her independently wealthy. Because of her money, Brooks would never have to take commissions for her paintings; she was free to choose her subjects entirely based on her own interest. She circulated in the Parisian literary and art world, and she generally painted the women she knew.

Brooks is best-known for a handful of extraordinary portraits from the '20s that depict aristocratic androgynous-looking women. These include "Una, Lady Troubridge," "Renata Borgatti at the Piano," "Peter, a Young English Girl" and Brooks' famous self-portrait in which she's dressed in a "masculine" tailored riding outfit, and wearing a black hat with her hair cropped at the ears. Her eyes, caught in the shade of the hat brim, startle the viewer with their penetrating gaze. With her full red lips and defiant posture, she could be David Bowie.

One of the only two portraits of men in this show is a depiction of Italian poet and proto-fascist Gabriele D'Annunzio, with whom Brooks had a brief affair; they would remain friends until his death in 1938. In "The Poet in Exile" (1912), she painted him as a highly refined martyr, with an upturned mustache and goatee. He wears a dignified suit and cape, his arm delicately balanced on a railing, behind which the surf crashes. Brooks also portrays herself that same year in "At the Edge of Sea"; outfitted in a loosely fitting cape with an open collar, Brooks looks out at us in a more casual poetic attitude, her hair blown back against a cloudy sky.

In the exhibit's catalog, San Francisco State professor Whitney Chadwick writes about how Brooks idealized the people in her life, and the vein of martyrdom that runs through her work. For Brooks, she says, D'Annunzio symbolized an aristocratic masculine ideal, while another lover, the beautiful Russian Jewish dancer Ida Rubenstein, became a romanticized figure of femininity.

Brooks painted Rubenstein a number of times. In "The Cross of France" (1914), Rubenstein appears as a heroic figure in a nurse's uniform emblazoned with the red French cross, against the moody backdrop of a wintry landscape. In the Symbolist-influenced "The Crossing" (circa 1911), she appears as an

inert white body floating in a sea of black. Then again, in the nearly wall-size image of "Spring," from 1911, we see a softer side of Brooks when Rubenstein appears partially clad in a long flowing cloak decorated by a garland of flowers, surrounded by a green, mythical setting.

In 1915, Brooks met a fellow expatriate, writer Natalie Barney, who, though she would become her partner of many years, would play more of a supporting than starring role in Brooks' art. Barney, like her friend Gertrude Stein, provided a literary salon for leading artists, writers and intellectuals of the day. (Interestingly, as Chadwick points out, Stein and Alice B. Toklas were far less open about their lesbian relationship than were Brooks and Barney.)

While Brooks was far ahead of her time in one sense, she was also an elitist, and when war broke out in the 1930s, the rarefied world of class privilege that Brooks and Barney knew came to an end. "Like many people in the 1930s who felt forced to choose between communism and fascism, they came down on the side of fascism," Chadwick said recently.

Brooks all but quit painting in the late '30s, and began a series of imaginative, surrealist drawings, which are also represented in the Berkeley show. She would devote the remainder of the next 30 years to drawing and writing her autobiography. She was 96, and a near recluse, when she died in 1970. It was the end of a long and intense life, and that intensity shines through all the works in this show, making them well worth seeing.

"She never did anything halfway," notes Lucchesi.

There are copious and copiously illustrated notes on each song and artist. But in the end, it's not the words or the illustrations but the music that makes this collection a brilliant compilation, and illustrates why a man who runs a small label from a modest record store in El Cerrito is such an important figure in American music

— maybe that's why my team won't) but he was at the party, as was KGO Radio sports guy Rich Walcott, who seemed cheerful enough despite the losing season of his beloved 49ers (how about our 5-1 Raiders, Rich?).

Probably the hardest-working man in local TV, Channel 2's Tom Vacar (who worked with Coughlan at KGO-TV years ago) not only showed up again, he was the evening's auctioneer. Also spotted: Channel 4 early-morning, tie-chewing anchor, the always-casual John Kessler (wearing a turtleneck, as he sometimes does on KRON) ... Also there was another hard worker, KCBS weatherman Mike Pechner, who came all the way down from his home in Cordelia with his young daughter in tow. The evening's announcer was the capable, 60-ish Jack Hanson, perhaps Coughlan's best friend. Hanson, a local TV fixture for years, is still sharp and witty and funny. As one TV reporter told me, "It's ridiculous that Jack isn't still working on TV, but when you hit 50 in this business, they don't want you." It's a young person's business, all right, and Hanson (to his credit) would look out of place in one of those aforementioned trio of commercials.

(Questions, comments? E-mail Bill at Newsman@sonic.net.)

Arhoolie

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But the beauty of this collection, and of Strachwitz's work itself, is in the music. This is the music of working people, played mostly on simple

instruments and recorded in unpretentious circumstances. Each song truly is a gem, whether you're hearing it for the first time or the hundredth, even if you don't understand Cajun French or Mexican Spanish.

The collection comes in a tasteful box, illustrated by the Arhoolie album covers from which the songs are drawn.

Mann

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down on the couch five feet away. "What're you doing?" he says absent-mindedly, lost in a WWF broadcast or some such. (At least he doesn't say "suuuuup?"). "Dunnowhat'reyoudoing?" the catatonic female replies dully, eyes never leaving the tube. He asks "Uh, where's the remote?" Scintillating stuff, this.

I get the uneasy feeling watching this terminally dumbed-down ad that more than a few high-school teachers have seen these two in their classes.

Cog Gathering: The Russ Coughlan Classic, a golf/tennis tournament honoring the beloved, late KGO-TV exec and commentator, has raised a lot of money for worthy child-protective charities the past decade. But the yearly bash seems to have fallen on hard times, judging by its gala party/media schmoozefest last weekend over in Marin.

Its founder/producer is seriously ill, and the number of local media celebs who show up to play and/or party for charity seems to dwindle each year, a shame. Part of this is no doubt because more and more people working in local television are new to the Bay Area and don't remember Coughlan, a class act and a father figure to many in the local media. Part of it is changing station management, who used to lavish support on the event.

One who hasn't forgotten, however, is Cog's good friend Pete Wil-

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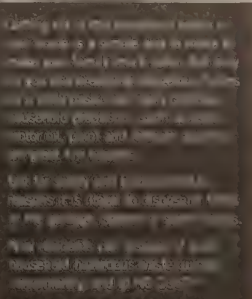
"Rooms for Listening," closing Oct. 28. A large-scale exhibit and performance series.

Free. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Oliver Art Center, 5212 Broadway, Oakland. (415) 551-9210 or (510) 594-3712.

Chi Gallery — "The James Baldwin Series," through Nov. 4. An exhibit of photographic images by Ted Pontiff.

Free. Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. 912-A Clay St., Oakland. (510) 832-4244.

Berkeley Public Library — CENTRAL LIBRARY — Preschool Song and Storytime, through Dec. 13. For age 3 to 5. Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. 2121 Alston Way. (510) 548-1240. Free. Berkeley.



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Bedazzled

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for a susceptible soul; she lights on San Francisco because apparently a full 30 percent of its residents are easy targets.)

Elliot is a complete geek, along the lines of that annoying copier guy from "Saturday Night Live." He's friendly but so annoying that his co-workers can't help being cruel to him. With his vest tucked into his pants and his big soft lips twisted into a grin that's somewhere between ingratiating and pained, the hulking, handsome Fraser manages to pull off being a loser.

He's in love with a co-worker named Alison Gardner (Australian actress Frances O'Connor), a kewpie doll with long blonde hair and gobs of lip gloss who doesn't know he exists. One night at a bar, he sends out a prayer to God, saying he'd give anything to have that girl. A few seconds later, there's Hurley in a flame-red dress and spike heels, pool cue in hand, giving him a come-hither stare.

It takes some convincing for him to believe she's actually Satan and not some demented hooker. There's

REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Bedazzled"

■ **STARRING:** Brendan Fraser, Elizabeth Hurley, Frances O'Connor

■ **RATING:** PG-13 (sex-related humor, language and some drug content)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 33 minutes

■ **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters

■ **STAR RATING:** B-

some clever scripting here: She offers to change his life in one fell swoop; he assumes she's a Scientologist. It's not until she whisks him off to her nightclub in Oakland (now we know for sure it's hip!), aptly named DV8, and shows him her inner office that he believes she's the devil — with offices in Purgatory, Hell and L.A. — and that her offer of seven wishes for his soul is valid.

Sending him off on his first wish to be rich, powerful and married to Alison, she gives him a pager and tells him to dial 666 if he decides he doesn't like the way the wish is turning out. Needless to say, he has to

eral of Japan and Pacific Film Archive present films by Japan's brightest young directors. Oct. 21: Don't Look Back, 7 p.m.; Sasayaki, 8:45 p.m.

\$7 for one film; \$8.50 for double bill. New PFA Theater, 2575 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. (510) 842-1412.

Cactus And Succulent Society Fall Show And Sale — Oct. 21 and Oct. 22. Featuring rare and exotic plants on display and sale. Free. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Garden Center, 666 Belgrade Ave., Oakland. (925) 833-0453.

Kristi Yamaguchi's "A Golden Moment" — Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m. A skating concert to benefit the fight against breast cancer featuring skaters Brian Botano, Scott Hamilton, Ekaterina Gordeeva, Mistress and Master of Ceremonies Peggy Fleming and Richard Roundtree, plus live musical performances by Martina McBride, Peabo Bryson. \$35 to \$150. Oakland Arena, 7000 Coliseum Way at Interstate Highway 880 and Hegenberger Road, Oakland. (510) 762-BASS.

West Coast Live — Join the studio audience as Sedge Thomson hosts musical guests, authors and others for his live radio broadcast. Oct. 28, 10 a.m.: The Austin Lounge Lizards, Christopher Shaw, Lucy Ka-

plansky, Brad Newsham, Tango Quartet.

\$12. Freight and Salvage, 1111 Adeline St., Berkeley. (415) 664-9500.

California Shakespeare Festival's Annual Costume And Garage Sale — Oct. 28, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featuring one-of-a-kind costumes, props, and set pieces from previous productions. Free. 701 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. (510) 548-3422 ext. 120.

A.C.C.I. Gallery — "Figurative Art," through Nov. 18. A representation by six Bay area artists featuring monographs by Elizabeth A. Cates, ceramic sculpture by Donna Gordon, painting by John Jacobsen and Paula Powers, digital print by Sharon Mitchell, and soft sculpture by Dea Shattell. Free. Tuesday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 843-2527.

Alta Bates Medical Center Art Gallery — "East Bay Women Artists," closing Oct. 22. An exhibit of paintings, prints, photographs, collages, and sculpture. Free. Daily, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. (510) 339-0348.

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MacArthur Boulevard and Grand Avenue, Oakland. (415) 456-FARM or (800) 897-FARM.

Jack London Square Farmers Market — Ongoing. A chance to buy fresh fruits and vegetables, cut flowers, baked goods, and more. Free. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jack London Square, foot of Broadway, Oakland. (510) 814-6000 or www.jacklondonsquare.com

REI Berkeley — through Oct. 26. A series of lectures on hikes and outdoor equipment. Advertising in Costa Rica. Oct. 26, 7 p.m. Linda Pearson of REI Adventures gives a slide show sampler of places to explore in the Central Highlands and Northwestern Regions of Costa Rica. Hands-on Bicycle Repair Clinics, through Nov. 12. Learn to fix your own bike. Oct. 22, 11 a.m.: Brake adjustments. Nov. 12, 11 a.m.: Front and rear derailleurs adjustments. Free unless otherwise noted. 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. (510) 527-6140.

No-Ego: New Japanese Cinema — through Oct. 21. The Consulate Gen-

Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

Children

A monthly film club specifically for middle school age children at the Albany YMCA, 1216 Solano Ave., takes place on Saturday, Oct. 28, 7 p.m.-10 p.m. The children will watch a movie together and afterwards discuss the film from different points of view. Anita Monga, Director of programming at the Castro Theatre in San Francisco will facilitate the program. Snacks provided, \$5 child. For more information, call 525-1130.

The Neighborhood Parents Network presents "Berkeley Public Elementary Schools: Parent Information Night" on Monday, Oct. 23, 7-9 p.m. at the Epworth United Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St. The event provides an opportunity for parents to learn about the Berkeley public elementary schools. Admission is free to members and \$5 for non-members. For more information about Neighborhood Parents Network, call 527-6667 or visit the Web site at www.parentnet.org.

The Buddy Club presents "Halloween Magic" show with Magician Dick Quintero and popular East Bay singer Randy, on Sunday, Oct. 22, 11 a.m. to noon at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. in Albany. Tickets: \$7 per person, under two years free. For tickets and information, call 236-SHOW.

Luna Kids Dance (LKD) offers dance and acting classes for children and teens ages 3-17 in a fun and supportive environment. Locations: Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.; El Cerrito, Contra Costa Civic Theater, 951 Pomona Ave.; Oakland, Glenview Performing Arts Center, 1318 Glenfield Ave. and Montclair Women's Cultural Arts Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd. For more information, call the LKD central office at 530-4113.

LGBTQ Parent and Prospective Parent Groups meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent childcare. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information or to RSVP contact Anna at famlyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-8560 children's.

The Ann Martin Children's Center offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information: 524-0821.

Lawrence Hall of Science, UC Berkeley's public science museum and center for K-12 science and math education offers three residential summer science camps, including two camps held at actual University of California field research stations; and three Sierra backpacking summer science camps. Each camp emphasizes fun outdoor science explorations through hands-on, inquiry-based activities, as well as lots of traditional camp fun. Each camp has a unique theme, and is designed for a specific age group. Call 642-2275 or e-mail to: hsinfo@uclink.berkeley.edu. To register, call 642-5134.

"Theater Rats," Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

Health

Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT) support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

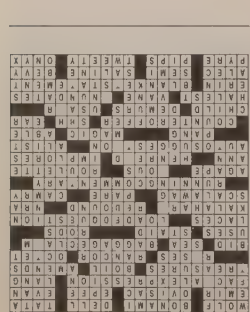
YWCA Health and Community Education: drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

Community

Berkeley Farmers Markets begins its Winter hours Tuesday, Oct. 31, 1 p.m. to dusk. The Tuesday Market has different Winter and Summer hours. During Western Standard Time, the hours are 1 p.m. to dusk. During daylight savings time the hours are 2-7 p.m. The Saturday Berkeley Market is always 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Tuesday Berkeley Farmers' Market offers free treats for those in costume on Halloween Oct. 31. The Berkeley Farmers Markets are a program of the Ecology Center. Call 548-3333 or visit the Web site at www.ecologycenter.org for more information.

The Ecology Center, Center Street at Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, offers Pumpkin Carving and Costume making on Saturday, Oct. 28, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Injury proof carving implements are available for youngsters, but all ages are urged to join in the fun. The East Bay Depot for Creative Re-Use will coordinate costume and hat making for both adults and children. Call 548-2220 for more information.

The Recreational Equipment, Inc., 1338 San Pablo Ave. offers a free hands-on bicycle repair clinic on Sundays, 11 a.m.-12 noon on Oct. 22 and Nov. 12.



Learn how to fix your own bicycle. Technicians will teach a series of free one-hour clinics covering the following basic repairs. All you need to bring is your bike. Call 527-4140 for additional information.

Albany YMCA is hiring staff for After-school programs in Berkeley and Albany. Site coordinators, recreation coordinator. Complete an application or send fax resume to Albany YMCA 921 Kains Ave., Albany, CA 94706. Fax 525-1769.

The Women's Cancer Resource Center, 1581 University Ave., will provide information at Wild Oats Market as part of its Women's Health Day. Help support the center and also enjoy free chair massages, spinal screenings, nutritional consulting and product samples. The center provides information, support and direct services to women with cancer in the Bay Area and nationally. Call Tammy Dyson, volunteer coordinator at 548-9286 ext. 304 for additional information.

Berkeley Higashi Honganji Church, 1524 Oregon St. (near Ashby Avenue), presents a Ohtani Bazaar. There will be games, prizes and activities for the children. Also Japanese food (Tenjiku chicken, sushi, udon noodles and more). Free admission. Bring the family. Call 843-6933 for additional information.

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. To sign up for an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine Ph.D. has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years, she has assisted in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop publishing business. Call 848-6370 for additional information.

Marion Rosen, founder of Rosen Method bodywork and movement, presents the Method through lecture, demonstration, and experimental practice. Rosen is joined in the presentation by Sara Webb. Senior Teacher of Rosen Method bodywork. Location: Feldenkrais Resources, 830 Bancroft Way. Admission: \$10. Reservations are strongly recommended. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Abby Paige, at 845-6606.

Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. To register, or for more information, call the Office of Emergency Services, 644-6736.

Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC-Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on Alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. For additional information call 642-0808.

Overeaters Anonymous meet Fridays at 1:30 PM at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2—the childcare room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively. For further information, call Katherine at 525-5231.

Toastmasters, go it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

Civil Rights activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA., 94701.

"Work Buddies": volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

Psychic Healing clinic: 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays, free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 1-800-642-9355.

SMART project; the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

The Edible Schoolyard, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335 for information.

English-in-Action lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour a week. YWCA, at Berkeley. Call 843-9716.

Women's Daytime Drop-in Center in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 466-5663.

Exhibits

A New Leaf Gallery, 1286 Gilman St., presents "Mostly Glass," an exhibit opening Oct. 21 and continuing through Dec. 17. Reception for the artists: Saturday, Oct. 21, 3-5 p.m. Artist include Lynne-Rachel Altman, Patricia Bengtson-Jones, Eric Ehlenberger, Shirley Erickson, Bella Feldman, Kristin Gudjonsdottir, Bala Paradise, David Ruth and Bart Trickett. Gallery hours: Wed-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 525-7621.

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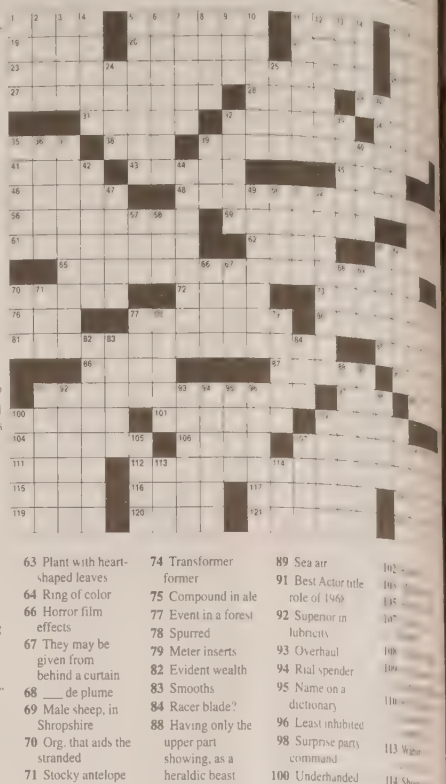
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- 81 "You might want to check the carburetor," e.g.
- 85 Roll top?
- 86 Fleeting feeling
- 87 How to get something from nothing, perhaps
- 90 Practiced
- 91 "I'll give you yours," e.g.
- 97 Theater sound
- 99 Place for a plug
- 100 Little one
- 101 Says no
- 102 Carrier that bought Piedmont in the 1980's
- 104 Most strapping
- 106 Indicator of current trends?
- 107 Swamps
- 111 St. Patrick's home

- 112 "I'm making a quilt," e.g.
- 115 "Tess of the D'Urbervilles" cad
- 116 It may make a big haul
- 117 Optometrist's solution
- 118 Gathering
- 119 Stand in the flames
- 120 Dillies
- 121 Looney Tunes regular
- 122 Striped stone

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- 1 Tapestry thread
- 2 Baseball's Vizquel
- 3 Head hunters' targets
- 4 Order member
- 5 Difficult pills to swallow
- 6 Indulge, perhaps
- 7 Strikes out
- 8 Hieroglyph images
- 9 Spoil
- 10 First-aid item
- 11 Film director Vittorio
- 12 Play wrap-up
- 13 Papal name
- 14 Watercolorist ___ Liu
- 15 Put something on
- 16 Successor to the Studebaker
- 17 Bicycle type

- 18 Unwanted feeling
- 24 One way to sell something
- 25 A bird may have one
- 30 Toy factory equipment
- 32 Perceptiveness, in a manner of speaking
- 33 It's rarely a ratings hit
- 35 Swells (up)
- 36 He was spared by divine intervention in Genesis
- 37 U.S. citizen-to-be
- 39 The facts of life?
- 40 Like virtually all schools nowadays
- 42 Make airtight
- 44 Tire shop work
- 47 Starrett family savior
- 49 Vein
- 50 Wheel from Holland
- 51 Place for a Yale lock?
- 52 Ruining, as a deal
- 53 Platinum-selling 10,000 Maniacs album of the 80's
- 54 Athlete who wrote "My Game"
- 55 Thumbs down
- 57 Brisle
- 58 Italy's main broadcasting network



- 63 Plant with heart-shaped leaves
- 64 Ring of color
- 66 Horror film effects
- 67 They may be given from behind a curtain
- 68 ___ de plume
- 69 Male sheep, in Shropshire
- 70 Org. that aids the stranded
- 71 Stocky antelope
- 74 Transformer former
- 75 Compound in ale
- 77 Event in a forest
- 78 Spurred
- 79 Meter inserts
- 82 Evident wealth
- 83 Smooths
- 84 Racer blade?
- 88 Having only the upper part showing, as a heraldic beast
- 89 Sea air
- 91 Best Actor title role of 1969
- 92 Superior in lubricity
- 93 Overhaul
- 94 Rial spender
- 95 Name on a dictionary
- 96 Least inhibited
- 98 Surprise party command
- 100 Underhanded

croft Way, presents the exhibit "Amazons in the Drawing Room: The Art of Romaine Brooks," through Jan. 16. For more information, call 642-0808 or visit the Web site at www.bampfa.berkeley.edu

A New Leaf Gallery, 1286 Gilman St., presents "Mostly Glass Sculpture," on Oct. 21 through Dec. 17. The exhibit is an all outdoor show of contemporary sculpture with glass. Reception for the Artists: Oct. 21, 3-5 p.m. Artists featured: Lynn-Rachel Altman, Patricia Bengtson-Jones, Eric Ehlenberger, Shirley Erickson, Bella Feldman, Kristin Gudjonsdottir, Bala Paradise, David Ruth, and Bart Trickett. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 525-7621 or visit the Web site at www.newleafgallery.com for more information.

The Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St., continues its exhibit of Janette Faulkner's collection "Ethnic Notions: Black Images in the White Mind," through Nov. 12. The exhibit explores racial stereotypes in commercial imagery. This will be the last chance the public will be able to see these pieces as a collection. The center is also reproducing the "Ethnic Notions" catalog with essays by Theresa Whitener and Pulitzer-prize winning historian, Leon Litwack. Gallery hours: Wednesday-Sunday, from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call Yvete Deas at 844-6893.

The Albany Arts Center, 1249 Marin Ave., continues a collection of work by Tanna Bella "Straight From the Heart," through Dec. 7. The exhibit includes pastel,

painted still life and collages. Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Artists wishing to be considered for future exhibits may pick up applications at the center. Call 524-9283 for more information.

The Salmon Graphics Art Gallery, 1728 University Ave., opens its doors with a solo exhibition by Bay Area artist, Paula Rie Bonham. The exhibition, "Le Cirque des Animaux," runs through Oct. 22. Bonham has recently returned from Paris, France where she worked in an "atelier" for six weeks. This exhibition presents her mixed media paintings created during this and early periods. Gallery hours: Monday through Friday, 1-5 p.m. and by appointment. For more information, call 548-0293.

The Richmond Art Center, 2540 Barrett Ave., continues its exhibit "Hecho En Califas: The Last Decade 1990-1999" through Nov. 11. Thirty-one California Latino, Chicano and indigenous artists are featured in this traveling exhibition. The event examines issues and movements that have shaped the visual arts vocabulary in California during the last 10 years. The exhibit includes painting, sculpture, photography, prints, collage and digital media. Gallery hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4:30 p.m. Free admission; wheelchair accessible. Call 620-6772 or visit the Web site at info@therac.org for additional information.

East Bay Women Artists continues its exhibit at the Alta Bates Medical Center Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave. through Oct. 22. Hours: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

The exhibit includes paintings, prints, photographs, collages and sculptures. For further information, contact Shirley Warwick 339-0348 or Lynda Robinson at 925-254-6973.

The City of El Cerrito presents Open Clay Studio ongoing classes on Mondays, 7-9 p.m. Experience with clay is helpful, but not necessary. Opportunities will be provided for students to explore areas of clay work. Demonstrations and instruction will be provided on requests. Admission: \$7.50 residents, \$9.38 nonresidents. The location: Tassajara Pottery Center, 2575 Tassajara Boulevard. For more information, call Jude at 215-4371.

Alta Bates Medical Center presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for additional information.

New Pieces Gallery is located on Solano Avenue. New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

Literary Events

Poetry Flash@Cody's, 2454 Telegraph Ave., presents The New Young American Poets Anthology Reading on

Wednesday, Oct. 18. The group includes D.A. Powell, Rick Garcia and Witt. Poets Kim Addonizio and Tal read on Oct. 29. Readings are 7:30 p.m. Donation: \$2. For more information, call 525-5476.

A Non-Fiction Discussion Group on Monday, Oct. 23, 7-9 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 2352 Center Street. The group discusses "The Testosterone and Other Essays" by Robert M. Sapolsky. For more information, call 644-0861.

The Reading Edge is available for use at the Berkeley Public Library. Alison Way. This computer scans printed text and reads it back out with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability. Its use to access print materials must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge. Readings, reservations are needed. Reference Desk at 844-6548 for training session.

Meetings

Berkeley Toastmasters Club meet monthly, on the first and third Thursdays at 2515 Hilegass Ave. The group specializes in developing communication and public speaking skills in the field of metaphysics. The group will learn from each other through speeches. Call Odette Laro at 862-2547 or 643-7645.

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Olympia Dukakis helps women cope with Osteoporosis

The good news about recent progress against osteoporosis is being spread by Academy Award®-winning actress Olympia Dukakis.

Dukakis has become the inspirational spokeswoman to the 23 million American women with osteoporosis, a bone-thinning disorder prevalent among postmenopausal women.

Drawing from personal experience with the disease, Dukakis has written a free booklet called *Simply Sensational* to offer encouragement and life-enhancing advice to other women with postmenopausal osteoporosis.

Developed with funds from Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, *Simply Sensational* helps readers handle the challenges of daily living with osteoporosis by addressing such topics as finding the right doctor, preventing falls and fractures, plus beauty and fashion tips.

Simply Sensational's practical tips and expert advice inspire women to overcome the physical and emotional challenges of osteoporosis.

The booklet gives a summary of the available treatment options that

stop bone loss and increase the density, or thickness, of bone in women who have postmenopausal osteoporosis.

Dukakis, who had osteoporosis when she won an Oscar® for her role in "Moonstruck," is thrilled to be helping other women with the disease. Dukakis wants women 55 plus who are affected by osteoporosis to continue living life to its fullest.

"When I was diagnosed, there was so little information available on treatments, and even less on the daily challenges of living with osteoporosis. I became involved with *Simply Sensational* to provide to others what was not available to me when I was seeking daily coping strategies."

Osteoporosis affects an estimated 28 million Americans, 80 percent of whom are women. Osteoporosis is a "silent disease," which often goes undetected until it is well underway. Devastating consequences, such

as hip or spinal fractures and severe incapacitation, may result from osteoporosis. A painless test, called a bone density test, however can

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A multisensory approach to reading

By **Loring C. Brinkerhoff, Ph.D.**
Thanks to ever emerging technology, more and more individuals with learning disabilities will be able to savor the joys of reading.

During the last several years, great strides have been made in the development and adaptation of digital technology that will allow readers to listen to a natural human voice—not a synthetic one—while they view the

corresponding text on a computer screen. The most exciting aspect of this work, which links human speech to electronic text, is the user's unprecedented ability to navigate through educational text material in a matter of seconds, versus the unwieldy fast-forward/rewind maneuvers of cassette tapes.

Prototypes now being developed and evaluated permit readers to

highlight areas of text as they track the print with their eyes. For individuals with learning disabilities, reading needs to be a directed activity. The eyes need to track the print, while the ears simultaneously process the individual sounds that make up the words. This multi-sensory approach helps improve reading speed, comprehension and retention.

Once implemented, this new technology will allow individuals with attention deficit disorder to focus their attention on the computer screen text as words are read aloud. By using headphones along with the digital audio system, these students will be able to screen out competing sounds in the room more effectively.

Richard O. Scribner, president and CEO of Recording for the Blind

& Dyslexic (RFB&D) says these latest advancements will significantly improve the quality, accessibility and immediacy of information available to students with learning disabilities.

Scribner says, "By combining the advantages of analog tape with the computer, readers will soon be able to navigate through their text with unprecedented ease and speed. It levels the playing field for print-disabled readers both in the classroom and in the professional arena."

Scribner believes that digital book technology will lead to what may be the first truly global electronic library. Textbooks in digital formats may be available eventually on CD-ROM, converted back to cassette tape or accessed as a file that can be downloaded from the Internet.

Imagine being able to pull your classroom textbook or a classic literary work off the computer, and, in a few seconds, have the book come alive as a volunteer reader narrates it. Digital textbooks will not be available immediately, but RFB&D is preparing for a full pilot program and the technology continues to develop.

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Dr. Brinkerhoff is a higher education and disability consultant with Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic.

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This is especially true for the elderly who rely on Medicare to help reduce their medical costs. Yet, the Medicare parachute still has a major hole in that it does not cover prescription drugs.

Seniors, 65 years or older account for 12 percent of the total United States population but almost 35 percent of all prescription drug expenses.

Prescription drug costs are the one, single largest out-of-pocket healthcare expense for the elderly. According to the American Association of Retired Persons, drug costs are 34 percent of elderly people's total healthcare expenses.

Those who pay cash for their medications are the ones hardest hit by the ever increasing price of prescriptions. Pharmacies charge patients various prices for medications.

For example, one pharmacy chain in the northeast Ohio area charges \$103.98 for a one-month supply of Lipitor 20 mg (high cholesterol medication), and \$129.98 for a one-month supply of Prevacid 30 mg (ulcer medication). A pharmacy in a neighboring town charges \$97.35 and \$107.83 for these same medications, respectively.

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Contra Costa Civic Theatre opens its 41st season with "Arsenic and Old Lace," by Joseph Kesselring. Performances continue through Nov. 18 on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. with 2 p.m. matinee performances on Sundays, Oct. 22 and Nov. 5. Tickets: \$10 each for adults, and \$5 for youth, ages 16 and under. For current ID The theatre is located at 811 Portoma Ave., at Mooser Lane in El Cerrito. For 24-hour reservations call 825-9132.

The Spokeasy Theatre Company, 2016 Broadway St., presents Andrea Mook's low-budget one-woman play "Brain in a Box," which continues through Nov. 11. The play is the story of a young computer geek, Jeff, who has a recurring nightmare in which he can't tell if he is a human who thinks more like a computer or a computer that has been programmed to think like a person.

The Z Space Studio presents "Fanny at the Opera" Oct. 29, Wednesdays through Sundays, at the Julia Morgan Center, 2640 College Ave. The musical, written by Joe Landon is based on the story by Alice Waters with Bob Carrau and Patricia Curtan. A young girl experiencing the pangs of adolescence, the measures of a good food, and the warmth of an extended family comes to life on stage. Tickets: \$26-\$34, discounts for senior students, and children under 12. For tickets and times, call Community Box Office at 1-888-FANNY06.

Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St., begins its 33rd season with Carlo Gozzi's fairy tale "The Green Bird (1765)." A new adaptation by Theatre de la Jeune Lune. The play continues through Oct. 27. Directed by Dominique Serrand, the production combines the theatricality of commedia dell'arte with the formal conventions of Kabuki. Tickets: are priced between \$20.25 and \$51. The theatre is accessible to the handicapped. For information or to charge tickets by phone with VISA, MasterCard or Discover, call the office at 845-4700 or toll free at 888-487TIX. Additional information and on-line ticketing are available at www.berkeleyrep.org.

Family Folkdancing takes place on the 3rd Sundays, 1-2:30 p.m. at Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. Instructor: Denise Schütz Weiss. Bring your feet and a spirit of fun. No experience necessary. An opportunity for families to dance and laugh together. Drop in for good fun and exercise. All ages welcome. Drop-in class, no registration needed. Adults \$3, children \$2. Call 632-3713 for additional information.

Swing Dance Classes! Learn East coast swing and Lindy Hop with Michael and Persephone of Shagline Dance Instruction, on Mondays at the Work Studio, 2566 Telegraph Ave. Beginning Lindy Hop runs 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. East Coast Swing from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and beginning Lindy Hop 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, at The Beat, 2560 Ninth St. Classes run as a monthly series. For more information, call Michael Marangio at 528-7858.

Classes

Lawrence Hall of Science offers a "Holiday Soap-Casting Science for Adults," class on Sunday, Oct. 22. Explore the science of soap and learn soap-casting techniques. At the end of the workshop participants take home their creations, soap molds, and guidelines to continue to cast soap. Call 642-1838 for more information. The Albany YMCA offers after school classes for elementary and middle school age children. The YMCA offers sports and dance programs, gymnastics and Hip Hop and enrichment programs such as cooking, sewing and art. Financial assistance always available. For more information, call 525-1130.

Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., offers a family-friendly program of classes, workshops and activities taught by professional teaching artists, all aimed at bringing arts participation into people's everyday lives. Classes take place at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts. For more information, including complete class descriptions, fees, and instructor bios, see www.juliamorgan.org or call 845-8542 for a brochure.

The Berkeley Adult School (BAS) offers Adult Basic Education classes, High School Diploma Requirement classes, General Educational Development Preparation classes which can be utilized to earn a GED certificate, and Preparation for US Citizenship classes. The classes are free. BAS also offers, for an affordable fee, a variety of vocational classes and computer classes, ranging from introduction to Computers to Advanced Computer Applications. Call 644-6130 for additional information.

The South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St., offers a variety of classes. For additional information and class scheduling, call 883-5222.

Interview Clinics sponsored by Turning Point Center at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, are held on Monday mornings from 9-11 by appointment. 30-minute sessions are non-members for YWCA members and \$20 for non-members. Call the Center at 848-6370 and leave a message to reserve an appointment time. Be sure to leave a name and telephone number.

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, presents Scribble Time on Tuesdays, by appointment. The class is free to YWCA members. This technique is designed to help individuals understand themselves better. Call 848-6370 for additional information. Leave a message for Anne Levine.

The Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., presents an introductory class for the home fruit grower. Proper pruning increases the flavor and size of fruit, as well as preserves the health and longevity of the tree. There will also be a demonstration of various pruning tools. The class is taught by Greg Peck, owner of an organic landscape and garden design business in the East Bay. Cost is \$10 for non-members, \$7.50 for members. Call 548-2220 to reserve a space.

The van der Zanden Studio, 1025 Carleton, No. 9, offers sculpture classes. All levels. Call 843-9445 for additional information.

A CopWatch class takes place every Monday night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at 2022 Blake St. near Shattuck. Know your rights. The classes are free. Call 548-0425 for additional information.

Berkeley Community Media (BCM), Channel 25, offers affordable classes in video

production and editing to Berkeley residents. Free orientations designed to introduce BCM to the public are held on Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 2239 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. For more information call 848-2288 and ask for Patrick, John or Sage.

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., offers many dances classes ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalaranjali Dances of India, to West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. The Ashkenaz is a nonprofit music and dance community center. Call 525-5054 for additional information.

Life Stories/College and Ceramics classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Teachers are Diana Bohn and Judith Carroll. Call 845-6830 for additional information.

Contemporary Women's Issues class is forming at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. Free class offered by the Berkeley Adult School, taught by Judith Carroll, MFCC. Friday mornings 10 a.m. to noon. Open to all women 55 or older. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

Dance and Fitness classes open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, bellydance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theatre dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

Let's Swing and Jitterbug: 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate; four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

Volunteers

The Alcohol Research Group (ARG) is conducting a study, funded by a grant from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA). The goal of the study is to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment; medical model day treatment and social model day treatment.

The study is called the SMART Project. Interested parties may call 1-888-249-8802 for more information.

The Crisis Support Services of Alameda County needs volunteers to provide telephone crisis intervention. The agency needs motivated committed people to serve its 24-hour crisis lines. No prior experience required. Excellent training provided. Call 845-1515 for more information.

Volunteers are needed at the Alameda County Community Food Bank to staff emergency food referral service, the Hunger Hotline. Shifts are available on Monday and Tuesday mornings, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Call volunteer coordinator Mary Schoen at 834-FOOD for more information and a current volunteer newsletter.

Contra Costa County Volunteers in Probation are continually seeking dependable volunteers, 21 years plus, who want to spend time with youth on probation. Training will be provided and screening of all applicants is required by the Probation Department. If you are interested, call Kat Thompson, Director of Volunteers in Probation 925-313-4187 or email kmthompson@hotmail.com.

The City of Albany Recreation and Community Services Department is seeking experienced fitness instructors in many areas of exercise and training, including Tiny tot tumbling, rompergym, acrobatics, youth dance, adult aerobics and yoga. If you have experience and have taught contact Recreation supervisor, John Medlock at 524-9283 or come by the Albany Community center at 1249 Marin avenue for an instructor application.

UC Botanical Garden is looking for volunteers who are interested in plants and who would like to learn how to give tours of the Garden. Knowledge of plants is useful, but not required, and prior teaching experience is also helpful, but not essential. Principal qualifications are to like plants and to enjoy people. The training teaches about the Garden and how to lead tours. Call 643-11924 for more information and an application.

The Richmond Public Library seeks Internet Docents to teach Internet skills and to provide hands-on assistance to library patrons. Volunteers are needed for the main

library Adult Department, the Children's Department, and the Bayview or West Side branch libraries. Volunteers agree to work with the public for at least one three-hour slot per week for a three month period. Solid Internet skills, including knowledge of Netscape Navigator, Internet Explorer and the ability to use two search engines well are required. Applications are available at the information desk at the main library or at the two branches. For more information, call 620-6561.

Women's Daytime Drop-in Center in Berkeley needs volunteers. The center serves women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 548-8933.

Volunteers needed at Good Stuff Thrift Shop in El Cerrito. A fun, friendly place to work, all proceeds benefit developmentally disabled children and adults. Call 528-9455 for additional information.

Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave., needs compassionate volunteers to help women with cancer through its information and referral hotline, library, or in-home practical support. Time requirements are two to four hours per week for 6-12 months. Call 548-9286 ext. 309 for an application, interview and more information.

Parental Stress Service, Inc. seeks volunteers to serve as Telephone Hotline Counselors. The agency offers supportive counseling to families who need to be heard. To learn more about volunteer opportunities call 893-9230.

Volunteer at the Crucible, 1035 Murray St. Sharpen skills, and meet new people in the community. All talents are appreciated. The Crucible is an educational collaboration of arts, industry and community. Call 843-5511 or email crucible@jps.net for more information on how to get involved.

There is an immediate need for Home Delivered Meal volunteers at the "Open

House" Senior Center to deliver noon day meals to the homebound in Kensington, El Cerrito, and Richmond Annex. For more information, call Nichols at 215-4342.

Breast Cancer Action, an advocacy and activist organization aimed to inspire and compel the changes necessary to end the breast cancer epidemic, is seeking volunteers. A wide variety of volunteer opportunities, including events, activist and task force help, and office work during the week, are available. Call 415-243-9301, for additional information.

Berkeley's Women's Daytime Drop-in Center needs off-site volunteers to help with mailings, fund-raising events, and holiday programs. Training is provided for all volunteers who can devote three-and-a-half hours a week to working at the Center. Other on-site opportunities include answering phones and performing administrative functions. Those wishing to volunteer should call 466-5663 or 548-8933.

Leah McIntosh Senior Outreach Services Community Volunteers for the Elderly, 402 Harbour Way, Ste. 105, in Richmond, needs Senior Errand and Escort Volunteers. During the winter months volunteer drivers are especially needed. Volunteer Drivers escort seniors to and from medical appointments. Training is provided. Call 237-7887 for additional information.

La Pena Cultural Center needs volunteers with technical sound skills. The commitment is two programs per month. Call Kahiri 849-2568, ext. 11 for more information.

The Alameda County Court Appointed Special Advocate Program is currently accepting volunteer applications for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). CASA volunteers work with the court to advocate the best interest of abused/neglected children in the Alameda County System. To receive an application and information call 268-7297. No previous experience is required. Volunteers for teens, ages 14 and up urgently needed.

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Oakland Museum Of California — "La Flor y la Calavera: Altars and Offerings for the Days of the Dead," through Nov. 26. The 7th annual exhibit in observance of *Días de los Muertos* featuring ofrendas, altars and artworks created by artists, community groups and students in observance of Mexico's Day of the Dead.

SPECIAL EVENT —

"Community Celebration for the Days of the Dead," Oct. 22, 4 p.m. Featuring music, food vendors, a "mercado," hands-on activities and ceremonies to celebrate *Días de los Muertos*.

\$6 general; \$4 seniors and students; free children age 5 and under; second Sundays are free to all. Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; first Friday of the month, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. 1000 Oak St., Oakland. (888) OAK-MUSE or www.museumca.org

Creative Growth Art Center Gallery — "Don't Be Afraid of the Dark," Oct. 26 through Nov. 17. An enchanting exhibition of drawings, paintings, prints and sculpture by artists with disabilities celebrating the spooky spirit of Halloween.

Halloween-themed Reception of the Artists, Oct. 26, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Free. Monday through Friday, noon to 5:30 p.m.; Oct. 28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 355 24th Street, Oakland. (510) 836-2340.

Laney College Art Gallery — "Días de Muertos/Days of the Dead: Staying Connected/Manteniedo Conexión," through Nov. 9. An exhibit celebrating the Mexican *Día de los Muertos* with an art exhibition and site specific altar installation. Community Reception, Oct. 26, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Free. Monday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. 900 Fallon St., Oakland. (510) 464-3586.

Tilden Regional Park — "Halloween Mask Making," Oct. 28, 2 p.m. Come learn the origins of Halloween and make a plaster-gauze mask. Registration required. \$4. "Almost Halloween Hike," Oct. 29, 10 a.m. Explore the nature of Halloween folklore on the trails. "Wake the Dead: A Music Concert," Oct. 29, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Celebrate the Celtic "Day of the Dead" (Halloween) with folksong artists Paul Koptash and Danny Carnahan. "BYOP: Pumpkin Carving By Porch and Hearth," Oct. 30, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. "Bring Your Own Pepo." Free unless noted otherwise. Take Canon Drive off Grizzly Peak Boulevard, Berkeley. (510) 525-2233.

Oakland Public Library — **DIMOND BRANCH** — "Scary Tales," Oct. 24, 7 p.m. For age 6 and older. 3565 Fruitvale Ave. (510) 482-7844. **GOLDEN GATE BRANCH** — "Trick-or-Treat Bags Workshop," Oct. 27, 3:30 p.m. Make glow-in-the-dark bags for Halloween. 5433 San Pablo Ave. (temporary location). (510) 597-5023. **MELROSE BRANCH** — "Scary Tales," Oct. 26, 4 p.m. For age 6 and older. 5420 Bancroft Ave. (510) 535-5623. **TEMESCAL BRANCH** — "Scary Tales," Oct. 25, 4 p.m. For age 6 and older. Word for Word, Oct. 30, 10:30 a.m. A performance of "Stories by Sandra Cisneros." 5205 Telegraph Ave. (510) 597-5049. Free. Oakland. (510) 238-3134.

Children's Fairyland USA — The 22nd Annual Jack O'Lantern Jamboree, Oct. 27 through Oct. 29, noon to 7 p.m. A fun and safe place to celebrate Halloween. Fairyland is transformed into a gentle spooky fantasy land with a ghost and goblin tunnel; a chance to dance the Monster Mash, learn to haunt and howl at the Ghost School and make magic at the Witch School; and try some treats. All are encouraged to come in costume and take part in the Halloween Parade. Each activity will be rated according to its scariness so parents can determine if it is appropriate for their children. \$6 general includes unlimited rides; free children under age 1. Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 699 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. (510) 452-2259 or (510) 238-6878 or www.fairyland.org

Kensington Library — "Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin," Oct. 23 through Oct. 28. Guess the correct weight of the pumpkin and bring it home in time for Halloween. 61 Arlington Ave., Kensington. (510) 524-3043.

Crab Cove Visitor Center — "Bats: Facts vs. Fiction," Oct. 22, 1 p.m. Learn about bats, a Halloween symbol, with a game, song, story and craft. Registration required. For age 5 and older. \$2. "Weekend Wee Ones: Halloween Creatures," Oct. 29, 2 p.m. Learn about "spooky" animals, have a snack and make a craft. Registration required. For age 3 to 5. \$5 to \$7. 1252 McKay Ave., Alameda. (510) 521-6887.

Redwood Regional Park — "Howl-O-Weenie Roast," Oct. 27 and Oct. 28, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. This Halloween program features actors in strolling environmental drama set in the dark and mysterious redwoods. Discover the pumpkin-lit path to the campfire where the evening will end with songs, stories and marshmallow roasting. Registration required. \$7. \$3.50 for parking. 7861 Redwood Road, Oakland. (510) 636-1684 or (510) 521-6887.

California Shakespeare Festival's

Annual Costume And Garage Sale — Oct. 28, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featuring one-of-a-kind costumes, props, and set pieces from previous productions. Free. 701 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. (510) 548-3422 ext. 120.

"Halloween At The Square" — Oct. 28, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring the children for a day full of fun with activities including a visit to the pumpkin patch, arts and crafts, a bounce house, costume contest, pumpkin painting, a scavenger hunt, scarecrow stuffing, carnival games, photos of your child in costume and more. The children's costume contest at the Pavilion Stage will award prizes for the scariest, cutest, best homemade and best overall costumes in two categories: children ages 0 to 6 at noon; and children ages 7 to 12 at 1 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Scholarship Fund for the Port of Oakland Asian Employees Association.

Free; \$5 for Scarecrow Stuffing. Jack London Square, Broadway and the Embarcadero, Oakland. (510) 814-6000 or www.jacklondonssquare.com.

The New School Halloween Bazaar — Oct. 28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The

bazaar features face painting, mask making, children's games, apple bobbing, pumpkins, a giant rummage sale, a book sale, a bake sale, lunch and live entertainment by the Tatumaki Taiko. Proceeds benefit the school's scholarship fund and playground project.

Free. The New School of Berkeley, 1806 Bonita St., Berkeley. (510) 548-9165.

Habitat Children's Museum — "The 3rd Annual Habitat Halloween," Oct. 28, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A not-too-spooky Halloween event for young children with entertainment, parades, games, magic and songs. Come in costume. Registration strongly suggested.

\$4 general; \$6 for the first child age 7 and under; \$3 for each additional child age 7 and under. Kittredge Street and Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley. (510) 647-1111.

La Pena — Saturday Morning Children's Program, 10:30 a.m. Every Saturday morning there is a program of stories and songs for children. Oct. 28: "Not Very Scary Halloween Celebration." Betsy Rose performs

songs and activities to celebrate the harvest season and the ancestral spirits. Children are invited to come in costume.

\$4 general; \$3 children. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 849-2572.

Oakland Zoo —

"Boo at the Zoo," Oct. 28, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Celebrate Halloween with the creatures of the zoo. There will be a noon Costume Parade starting from Flamingo Plaza, a costume contest, trick-or-treating, face painting, creepy shows in the Wildlife Theatre at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.; singing with Cotton Candy Express from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., rides on the Boo Choo-Choo and on a frightfully fun roller coaster. Free trick-or-treat bags will be given out. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Masks are not allowed once inside the zoo. All activities are free with admission.

\$6.50 general; \$4.50 seniors and children ages 2 to 14; free children under age 2; \$3 parking fee. Knowland Park, 9777 Golf Links Road exit off Interstate Highway 580, Oakland. (510) 632-9525, ext. 132 or www.oaklandzoo.org

"Halloween At The Mansion" — Oct. 28, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Pardee Home Museum and the Oakland Heritage Alliance will present a night of real ghosts, flashlight tours of the decorated mansion, tarot readers, ouija boards, seasonal refreshments in the Coach House, a chilling story of the strange events surrounding the death of Enoch Pardee and search for spirits on the estate. There will be a professional ghost seeker on hand for the ghost hunt to find the ghosts the staff of the mansion, built in the 1800s, has seen occasionally. All proceeds benefit the house and the Oakland Heritage Alliance. Reservations not necessary. \$13 general; \$7 children under age 12. 672 11th St., Oakland. (510) 763-9218.

Ell's Mile High Club — Halloween Party, Oct. 28. Featuring Takezo. Doors at 8 p.m. 3629 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland. (510) 855-6661.

924 Gilman St. — Halloween Show, Oct. 28. Featuring From Ashes Arise, Born Dead Icons,

Time In Malta, Under the Stars. \$5. Music at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 924 Gilman St., Berkeley. (510) 525-9926.

The Starry Plough Pub — The Starry Plough Pub. Open 7 days a week. 1000 Broadway, Berkeley. (510) 845-1111.

Ashkenaz — A Reggae Halloween Party. Kids and guests. Oct. 28. An evening of soca-reggae, reggae music, dancing, and more. Jah Fly, Poole V. Crew and Bonz.

\$9. 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. (510) 525-5099.

Yoshi's — Halloween Salsa Dance Party. Oct. 28. 8 p.m. With Jesus Diaz & La Onda. The dance floor will be open. \$14. 510 Embarcadero, San Francisco. (510) 238-9200 or (510) 260-1111.

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2001 Dodge Stratus SE stirs imagination

Keane on Wheels

By Tom Keane

Tired of the ordinary? Feast your eyes on the design of the 2001 Dodge Stratus coupe and allow your imagination to run wild. You'll enjoy what you see.

The Stratus coupe is available in two versions: the R/T model, which is an upscale performance car, and the SE model that is a bit more restrained — yet looks fast and mean. The SE is the car I drove and the basis of this report.

According to the Stratus designers, the coupe combines stylish, nontraditional design with roominess and comfort to set it apart from the competition. I don't quite agree.

The driver's seat is too low for my liking. It caused me slight difficulty getting behind the wheel and a struggle to get out of the car. While driving, I wished the front seat was a bit higher so my arms could rest at a more comfortable driving position. Maybe I needed a pillow under the seat; whatever, I just didn't feel at home behind the wheel.

With that said, the remainder of this report is glowing. Getting back to the body style, the Stratus SE gives the impression that it is a muscle car. The designers didn't have to look far for inspiration; the Dodge showroom is full of powerhouse cars. Let's say that this

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THE STRATUS COUPE is available in two versions: the R/T model, which is an upscale performance car, and the SE model that is a bit more restrained — yet looks fast and mean.

Drive, She Said



By Denise McCluggage

Hyundai's progress topic of conversation

"Hey, what's with all the Hyundais?" Thus began a recent "car conversation," one of those wheel-inspired events that overtake some of my acquaintances every so often.

"Huh?"

"I've seen more Hyundais than usual and they're looking smart."

I threw in my two bits' worth. "It's only natural you'd be seeing more of them since their overall sales are up 37 percent. That includes 86 percent for the Sonata and 81 percent for the Elantra."

"They sure look better than ever before. That Tiburon has as much sporty

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1925 Model T Ford brings back courtship memories

Steve Pieper thoroughly enjoys being surrounded by the high-tech cars his dealership sells. He has long been associated with high-performance cars and even set a land-speed record of 358 mph in a BMW-powered streamliner on the salt flats at Bonneville in Utah.

"When it comes to old cars and hot rods, I've always been a Ford buff," Pieper said.

His affection for old Fords began when he was a high school student. While his classmates lusted after the latest muscle cars, he drove to school in his 1929 Model A Ford pickup.

In his free time, Pieper built a hot rod from a myriad of Ford parts and then discovered that in order to get the car registered, a body was required.

The smallest, lightest, cheapest body available at the time was a fiberglass replica of a Model T Ford, which is what he mounted on the car. That was only his first encounter with a Model T.

Years later in the late 1970s, while at his Virginia dealership, he noticed a derelict Model T

Ford on a neighboring dealer's lot.

After watching the old Ford slowly disintegrate over the months it was exposed to the weather, Pieper inquired as to the status of the Model T. He was told the unrestored 1925 Model T roadster had been purchased in Pennsylvania by a man from Georgia. As the Ford was being towed south, the truck broke down. The cargo was left at the dealer next door to Pieper while the truck was repaired elsewhere. When the truck was fixed, the owner sent a driver up to retrieve it. That was the plan, but nobody told the driver about the Model T, so the truck was driven back while the Model T stayed in Virginia.

Months passed. Pieper finally called the owner of the forgotten Model T. After some negotiating, the owner agreed to let Pieper take the Ford off his hands for \$400, or \$140 more than the car had sold for when new.

Pieper disassembled the entire car, down to the last nut, bolt and washer. Each part of the car was blasted clean and the 2.9-

liter, four-cylinder, 20-horsepower engine was rebuilt. Opening the stubby little engine hood, with a half-dozen cooling vents on each side for air to circulate, reveals the spaciousness of the engine compartment. With the hood closed an abundance of room is left between the hood and engine. Each wheel has a dozen wooden spokes. The Model T rolls on clincher-type wheels that can be taken apart for the repair of tire punctures.

Using the battery to start the car after adjusting the timing and throttle levers on the steering column, Pieper quickly switches to magnet.

The three foot pedals operate differently than foot pedals in modern cars. The right pedal is the brake; the middle pedal is the reverse gear, and the left pedal, when pushed in, is first gear. Halfway out is neutral and all the way out is second gear. Acceleration is controlled by the hand throttle on the steering column. The entire operation is actually easier done than said — fifteen million Model T Fords were built and virtually every adult motorist

Classic Classics

By Vern Parker

in the country knew how to drive one.

Instrumentation is nonexistent. When oil doesn't flow from the bottom of two petcocks, it's time to add oil.

When steam is escaping from the radiator, it's time to add water. The center of the smooth dashboard is interrupted by the ignition switch and headlight/tail-light switch.

After about five years of off-and-on labor, the Model T roadster with the single door on the right side was completed in 1983.

"Firing it up the first time was a thrill," Pieper said. "It certainly has a unique sound to itself."

With no idea of how to operate a Model T other than what he had read, Pieper decided to take the freshly restored car for a spin around the neighborhood. With the distinctive chugging of

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Brand new vehicles, like old ones, need fluid checkups

By Don Chaikin

In more ways than you may realize, your 2000 or 2001 model year vehicle has a lot in common with much older models. For one thing, its health and well-being is dependent on various fluids. It's critical that those fluids be checked regularly and adjusted as needed. And like its ancestors, your new car's or truck's fluid reservoirs are pretty much located under the hood.

To gain accurate assessment of any fluid level, it's important that your vehicle is parked on a level spot. When checking any of the fluid reservoirs, keep in mind that it's fine to top up the level as long as you don't overfill it. In many cases, too high a level is as bad as — maybe worse than — too low a level.

Before doing anything, check your owner's manual to verify the procedure. What follows are general guidelines that are applicable to most vehicles. Make certain you're aware of deviations to these procedures. Also check the manual to know exactly what type of any given fluid to add to yours. Different car and truck makes and models may require slightly different types of transmission fluid or engine coolant or even engine oil. And some different types are not compatible.

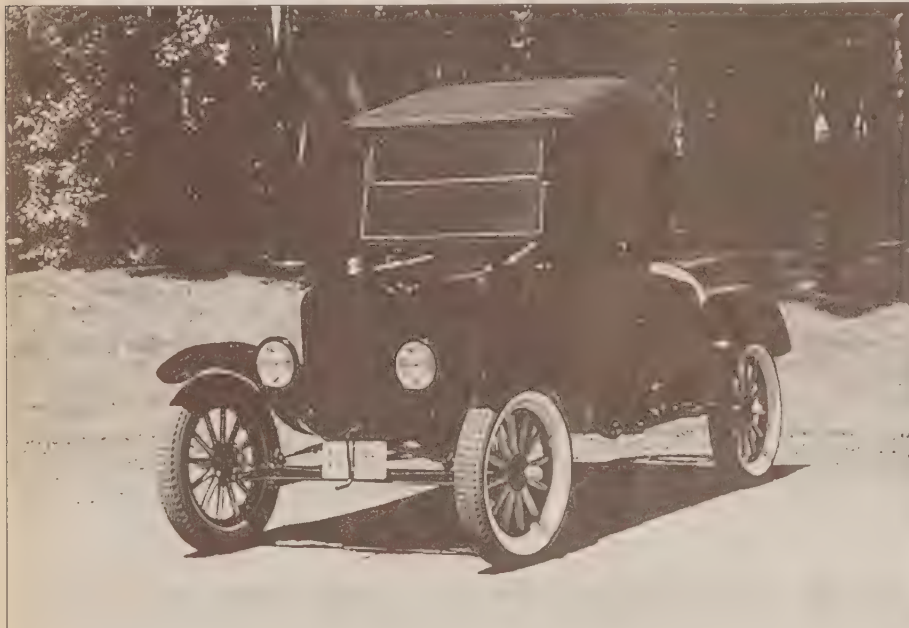
On almost all cars and trucks, check the level of the engine oil with the engine off and not having been running for at least a few minutes. Pull out the dipstick that's marked "Oil" or "Engine" or similar (check your manual if you're not certain), and wipe

it clean top to bottom with a clean rag. Reinsert the stick all the way into the tube. Be sure that the dipstick is fully seated. Then carefully remove it again and check the level of oil against the markings on the bottom of the dipstick. If the level is not at or below the "Low" or "Add" or similar mark, there's no need to add any oil. If the level is low, add a quart of oil as specified by your owner's manual.

The new oil goes into a separate filler neck somewhere near or on the top of the engine. This opening will be marked by the word "Oil," or by a visual depiction of an oil can. Wipe any spillage immediately, and be sure to properly and snugly replace the fill cap. Then check the level on the dipstick.

Engine coolant is a mixture of special antifreeze/coolant and water. To check coolant on a modern car, simply look at the translucent coolant reservoir, typically somewhere near the front of the engine compartment. Compare the level against the markings on the side of the reservoir. Some engines have double markings — one set for a hot engine, one for a cool engine — so be sure you're checking the appropriate set.

If you need to add coolant, add it to the reservoir. You should not have to open the radiator cap to either check or add coolant. Don't add too much. If the coolant level is low, add a mix of 50 percent antifreeze/coolant of the type specified by the owner's manual.



1925 MODEL T ROADSTER with a rebuilt 2.9-liter, four-cylinder, 20-horsepower engine, and no instrumentation.

Drive

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appeal as anything on the road," said the guy who offered the hub. "They used to have that smallness that was cramped and that economy that spelled cheap." Hey, this guy was sounding downright astute.

"Why the up-tick in Hyundai's fortunes?" wondered someone.

"Superior value is the story now," I announced from my superior position. (I was seated on the top step and the others were arrayed below.)

I affected a contemplative look and decreed: "I think it has something to do with their terrific 10-year/100,000 mile warranty. That's got to give buyers lots of confidence." I didn't want to let on I was paraphrasing Dave Ossenmacher, Director of Product and Strategic Planning of Hyundai Motor America. I don't like to admit that my pronouncements come from anywhere but transcendental awareness of matters automotive.

Another automotive acquaintance added: "That warranty is for powertrain protection, but they have a five-year/60,000 mile bumper-to-bumper deal and that comes with a five-year, mileage-independent roadside assistance deal as well." He was turned away from

me so I couldn't affix him with my "there's only room for one expert here" glare.

I decided the best tactic was just to play a few tricks of my own on that theme. "Let's say you've got a 12-year-old. You buy a Hyundai, and in five or six years when the matter of college comes up, you pack the kid off to school with that car and the warranty is still good until he or she graduates."

Then someone asked, "Does a kid want to go to college in a Hyundai?"

I replied, "Maybe not in a previous Hyundai, but just stop by a Hyundai store and have another look."

I was armed with some advanced knowledge, having just returned from the Monterey Peninsula and experience with a trio of new Hyundais: the 2001 Elantra sedan, the Elantra GT and the upscale all-new XG300 sedan.

Expecting maybe some "not-bad" styling, I found instead something far better. Figuratively speaking, the Hyundai trousseaus have been creased for that sharper look that is replacing the used-soap appearance. Not too much.

And room has been added in the Elantra sedan. It has spaciousness beyond the increase of 2.3 inches in the wheelbase. What I really dug was the GT version. The Hyundai people did say the word "hatch" once, but it was never coupled with "back." Why is it that

Americans do not take to the good-sense, flexible-use, sportive character of a hatchback?

"Because they equate it to gas-shortage econo-boxes, and they don't want to go there," said a guy on the second step.

"Still seven or eight of every ten vehicles in Europe is a hatchback, and they are snorty-sporty and right as rain."

I don't know who said that. Our world backpacker, I think.

So call it a "five-door sedan" (though I prefer to think doors are only for people) but the Hyundai Elantra GT is as delightful a crossbreed of sportiness and utility you are apt to find on these shores since so many manufacturers omit hatchbacks from their import list. Hyundai is importing 15,000.

The hatch yawns wide so you can easily drop a new TV — maybe even a dishwasher — in the back. Try that with a notch-back sedan. You can fold the back seats (60-40 split) into any number of configurations for totting people or a whole lot of stuff.

And how about the Hyundai XG300, the company's foray into a pricier market? The question the company posed was: "Is the world ready for a \$23,499 Hyundai?" The answer: As long as it looks and feels like a \$33,499 Hyundai — and this car is close — so the answer should be "yes."

Keane

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Stratus is simply keeping up with tradition.

The roof's arc sends, giving into the arches above the fenders, connecting the coupe a smooth, slim profile. The edges on the front wheel openings deflect the air rush to improve the car's aerodynamics. The same applies to the sideview mirrors, which helps reduce wind noise.

The interior noise level in the Stratus is low. Not only does the sleek design reduce the interior noise level, the entire structure of the car has been given an attentive ear. This special attention comes under the label of NVH, a concern to all manufacturers. Noise, vibration and harshness is reduced by strengthening the platform and all the cross members that hold the car together. Even the exhaust pipes have come under scrutiny, resulting in a quiet, comfortable interior for talking or listening to a quality audio system.

Just a short ride in this \$17,810 Stratus and it is obvious the designers and engineers have addressed all these concerns. Another area of concern is the car's stability. Again, the Stratus is rock solid on the road, without any annoying jarring or jolting coming through the frame. It's a pleasure to drive this car, even with the engine assigned to my tester: a 2.4-liter, four-cylinder, 147 horse-

power. I would have preferred the optional 3.0-liter V6 engine that produces 200 horsepower for the simple reason that this car is built to handle power and provide excellent performance. Incidentally, the only option on my tester was \$365 for the gorgeous 16-inch aluminum wheels.

Although an automatic transmission is available, my tester has a five-speed manual. The shifting is precise and easy. Besides, a manual transmission produces better gas mileage.

With either engine, both are quite respectable, 23/30 for a four-cylinder engine

and 20/27 with a V6 engine. Either engine uses 87 octane gasoline.

The Dodge people informed me of all the the Stratus' safety and security areas. The list is too long to cover in this report, but the engineers have covered all bases. Have a salesperson fill you in on all the safety areas covered. The list is impressive.

The rear seat accommodates three, has modest leg room and is reasonably comfortable. Trunk space is good, too. The most enjoyable feature, however, is what you see with your eyes closed and your imagination running wild.

SPECIFICATIONS

2001 DODGE STRATUS SE
VEHICLE TYPE..... 5-passenger, 2-door coupe
BASE PRICE..... \$17,810 (as tested: \$18,760)
ENGINE TYPE..... 4-cylinder SOHC 16-valve w/SMPFI
DISPLACEMENT..... 2.4-liter
HORSEPOWER (net)..... 147 at 5500 rpm
TORQUE (lb-ft)..... 158 at 4000 rpm
TRANSMISSION..... 5-speed manual
WHEELBASE..... 103 in. 2635 mm
TREAD (front/rear)..... 59 / 59 in. 1505

/ 1505 mm
OVERALL LENGTH..... 191 in. 4850 mm
OVERALL WIDTH..... 70 in. 1785 mm
HEIGHT..... 54 in. 1365 mm
TURNING (curb-to-curb)..... 41 ft. 12.4 m
CURB WEIGHT..... 3,012 lbs. 1366 kg
FUEL CAPACITY..... 16 gals. 62 L
EPA MILEAGE RATING..... 22 city, 30 highway
ASSEMBLY PLANT..... Normal, Ill.
STRONG FEATURE..... Styling
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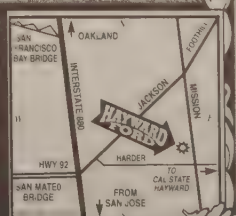
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Three causes of oil pressure light problem

Dear Doctor: Two years ago, I purchased a 1995 Honda Accord LX that had 70,000 miles. Currently it has 118,000 miles. My problem is the oil pressure warning light comes on while I am driving regardless of the road condition, a straight stretch, turn or hill makes no difference. The oil level is full. If I stop, shut the engine off and then restart it, the light stays out. Sometimes when I am driving over an hour, the light will not come on at all. On two occasions, when I took the car to the dealer for routine service, the technician checked for the oil light problem without success. He even replaced the oil pressure sender switch. I would appreciate any help you can provide on this matter. William

Dear William: The oil pressure light comes on when the oil sending unit closes the ground circuit. For the light to come on, there is one of three problems. The oil pressure is dropping below the sender's limit, the sender is faulty, or the wire to the sender is grounding somewhere between the sender and instrument panel light. Install a mechanical gauge while leaving the light hooked up. This is a simple task for any qualified technician to do.

Dear Doctor: I purchased a 1988 Jeep Cherokee with a 4X4 4.0-liter six-cylinder engine. Within the first six months of ownership, I had to get the engine rebuilt. Two months later, the Cherokee required a set of fuel injectors. That was followed by a full brake job. The most recent problem is the engine will occasionally stall, hesitate, and backfire. I have had this vehicle to the shop a few times to check out the problem with no luck. The dealer said the problem could be the fuel pump at a cost of \$300, with no guarantee the problem will be solved. Would you have the fuel pump replaced? Bill

Dear Bill: Before I would have the fuel pump replaced, I would have that shop's technicians do a fuel pressure test by hooking the tester up to the engine and noting the fuel pressure. They can also hook up a tachometer if your Jeep does not have one built in the dash cluster. A drop in fuel pressure of three pounds below the factory specification will cause the problems you describe.

Dear Doctor: My parents own a 1990 Plymouth Acclaim with a V6 engine. A few months ago the engine became difficult to start.

It can take up to 30 seconds of starter turnover-time to get the engine started. I took their car to a local shop. The technician checked for computer trouble codes and found a code for the MAP sensor. He replaced the sensor, however the engine still has a long crank time on some occasions. I would greatly appreciate your opinion on this problem.

Dave

Dear Dave: A long crank time on fuel-injected engines is usually a fuel-delivery problem. Have the shop check fuel pressure with the engine running, and then shut the engine off. Check the fuel pressure again with the engine off. This is a very important step often overlooked. The fuel pressure must stay at the specified amount as indicated in the shop manual. I find numerous leaking injectors and check valves in 1987 through 1993 Chrysler vehicles that have the exact problem your parents are having. You may also want to check the engine oil for any unburned gas that may have contaminated the oil. This situation could also raise the oil level.

Dead Doctor: I presently lease a 1999 Saab equipped with Michelin Pilot tires. The right tire had to be patched from the inside because of a large nail hole. A few months later a bubble developed in the right front tire. The Saab service department said there was no problem. I then went to an independent tire store and I was told that I needed two tires. I had them replaced at a cost of \$430. Do I have any recourse to get some or all of the money paid out back? Larry

Dear Larry: Most tire manufacturers and dealers do not offer road hazard warranties. The few companies that offer road hazard warranties do so at an additional cost, which is made at the time of purchase. Anytime there is a puncture to a tire, the speed rating is no longer valid. A bubble on a sidewall is usually caused from hitting a pothole. The reason why bubbles on sidewalls are more common today than years ago is because the low profile tires have much less distance between the sidewall and tread. There is no reason for any tire manufacturer to reimburse anybody for tires unless the road hazard coverage was purchased.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1994

Honda Civic that is now approaching 100,000 miles. My question is about the timing belt replacement. Is this something

that should be replaced at 100,000 miles? What about CV boots and suspension components? I have heard horror stories about timing belts that broke and caused major engine damage. Please advise. Pat

Dead Pat: The timing belt is one of the most important maintenance items in the engine. Each manufacturer has its own timing belt replacement interval. Some engines will not suffer internal damage, valve to piston interference if the belt breaks. These engines are known as free-wheeling. Non-freewheeling engines will suffer internal damage if the timing belt breaks. At 90,000 miles and six years, the timing belt is in need of replacement.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1951 Hudson super six with only 83,000 miles. I use regular 87-octane, unleaded gasoline. Some Hudson owners say to use a lead additive; others say use nothing. What would you recommend? Don

Dear Don: This is a commonly asked question. What I do is add Marvel Mystery oil to the gas in my vehicles that have engines designed to run on leaded gas. This product helps lubricate the valves and valve seats. To date, I have never had any upper engine failure.

Classic

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the engine and occasional blasts from the horn, Pieper cruised about the neighborhood. "I'm sure I impressed the neighbors tremendously," he says. That is until he approached the garage and realized he didn't know how to stop the car. Pieper chose to stop the car by hitting the garage with the right running board and stalling the engine.

Having restored the Model T roadster to running condition, Pieper had accomplished what he

Ask the Auto Doctor

By Junior Damato

Dear Doctor: I own a 1983 Mercury Capri that has given me 51,000 trouble-free miles. But now my windshield wipers seem to flutter across the windshield. I used RainX and that seemed to make the problem a lot worse. I have tried to clean the windshield with everything under the kitchen sink. Nothing seems to work. Can you help? Robert

Dear Robert: Before we say the problem is something on the windshield, we must check the wiper motor, wiper blades, and wiper blade angle. A weak wiper motor will cause chattering. Hard-rubber-edged blades, and the wrong angle that the blade wipes the windshield also cause chatter. If the motor and blades are good, the next step is to clean the windshield. Most glass shops have cleaners that will remove film buildup. Glass replacement companies also have a glass cleaning compound that has to be applied professionally.

Send your questions to: Auto Doctor, 3 Court Circle, Lakeville, MA 02347.

had set out to do. He parked the Ford and went racing. The car sat idle for years. In recent years a friend — also a Model T owner — convinced Pieper to repair the bent running board and to get his T back on the road. That meant a few lessons on the proper handling of the car, including the use of the transmission brake.

He invited his parents for a visit and met them with his 1925 Model T Ford roadster, similar to a used one in which they had courted in the late 1930s. Pieper took each of his parents for a ride in the two-seat car. "Those rides flooded their memories," Pieper reports.

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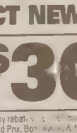
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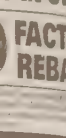
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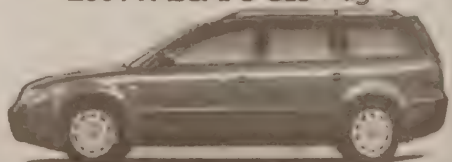
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

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■ Greased Lightning recently introduced Instant Engine Treatment. The company says the product reduces engine noise, friction, heat and wear. No special tools are needed; consumers may add Instant Engine Treatment at any time by simply pouring it into their oil.

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Automotive Reports

By Gary McCoy

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Don't use a cell phone while driving. A single distraction could lead to a tragedy. Stay well below the posted speed limit during trick-or-treating hours.

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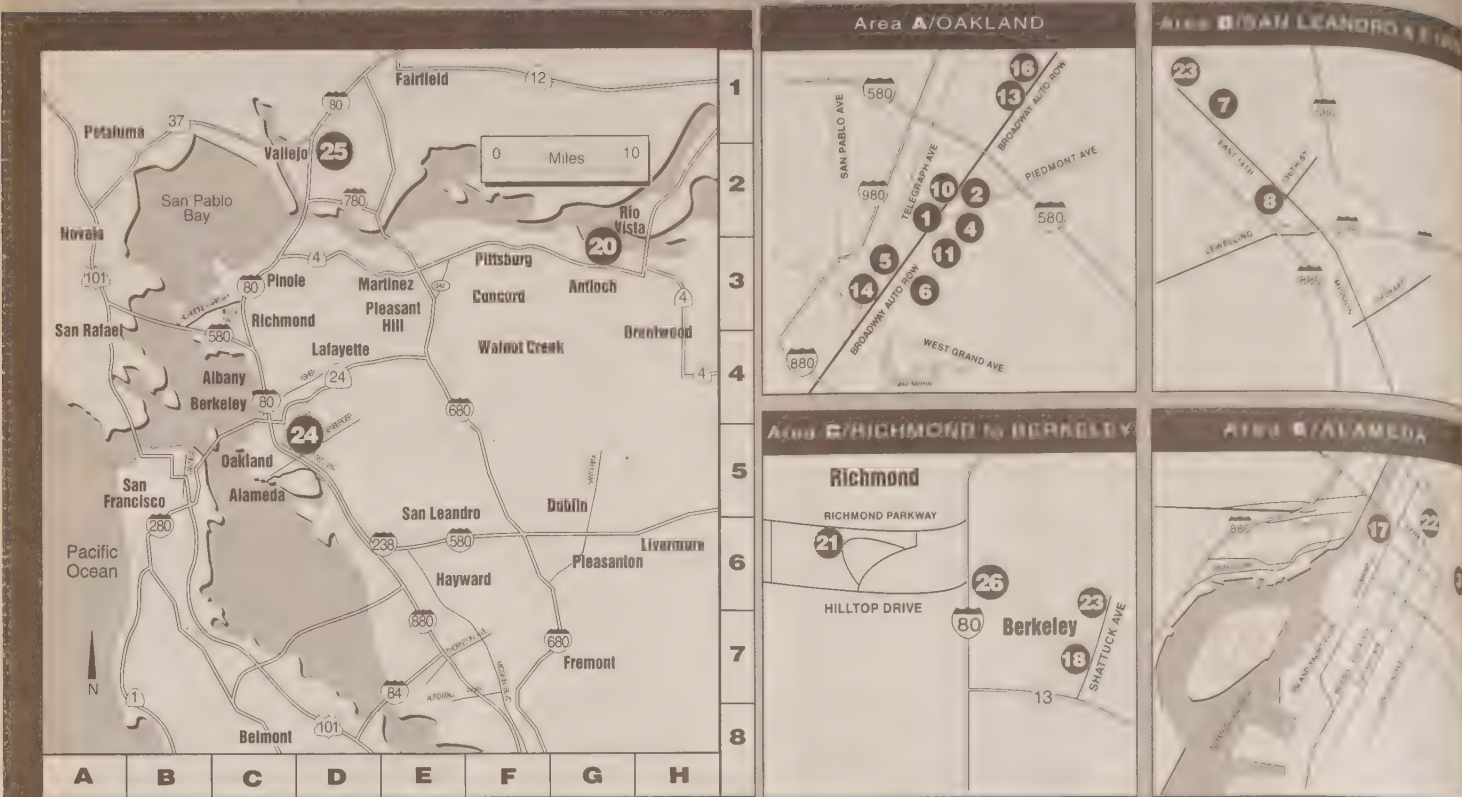
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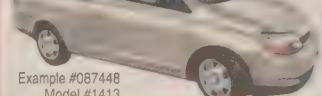
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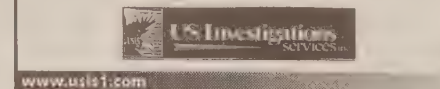
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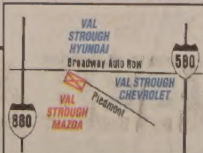
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